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HEARST SAVES G. O. P. FROM DISASTER

Exposures Blow to Bryan Drives Out Foraker.

Mr. Hearst's careful avoidance of anything that would incriminate the Republican candidate of Roosevelt is becoming more defined.

W. C. Haskell denies that he ever had any connection with the men described in Monnett's charges.

DISCUSS PROHIBITION

Brewers Say It Menaces Their Industry.

The prohibition question was the principal topic of discussion Saturday at the convention of the United Brewery Workers of America at the Labor Temple, 243 East Eighty-fourth street.

SEIZES OPPORTUNITY.

FORAKER TO FIGHT FOR LIFE.

ROOSEVELT'S CHANCE FOR CAMPAIGN MESSAGE RALLYING ALL STATES TO A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS—DECEPES HITCHCOCK AND HAS PLANNED TO DRIVE RADICALS BACK TO OLD PARTY.

W. C. HASSELL WANTS A TRIAL.

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"BRYAN BIG FAILURE IF ELECTED"—HARDIE

British Labor Leader Thus States Frank Opinion.

In Special Interview with Rose Pastor Stokes British Labor Leader Discusses Labor's Duty in the National Campaign—The Situation in England—The Outlook Everywhere.

By ROSE PASTOR STOKES.

Temporizing Refused.

An Important Question.

Hardie and Woman Suffrage.

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as deeply significant by labor, especially organized labor.

"Go ahead, I am listening," said Keir Hardie.

"Well, is not the offer of the Democratic party good value in exchange for the labor vote?"

The British laborite thought this of sufficient importance to refrain from making any reply until he again went over most carefully the exact wording of the injunction plank in the Democratic platform.

The Injunction Plank.

When he had done so he made the following reply:

"I have looked carefully at the wording of the plank in the platform of the Democratic party dealing with the injunctions, and have come to the conclusion that it is absolutely meaningless. Its operative clause reads as follows:

We deem that the parties to all judicial proceedings should be treated with rigid impartiality and that injunctions should not be issued in any case in which injunctions would not issue if no industrial dispute were involved:

"The underlying assumption of these words," said Mr. Hardie, "is that injunctions at present are issued out—with the ordinary law in the cases of labor disputes, which, of course, is nonsense. Every injunction which has been issued in connection with an industrial dispute has been founded upon the ordinary law of the United States, and I cannot see that any change is proposed which would be of any value to the labor movement.

Temporizing Refused.

"We had a similar proposal made to us by the Liberal government and we refused to accept it.

"We had also several others of an even more tempting kind, such as that no action should be taken against a labor union unless the act complained of had been sanctioned by the executive committee of the union, or that during the progress of a labor dispute the courts should have no power at all to interfere with the freedom of the trade union, and in the end this was carried and is now the law of Great Britain.

"In the case of a labor dispute it is an impossibility to have a law applied impartially to the disputants. The prima facie assumption of a court is that the working class is always in the wrong and that at all costs and hazards the rights of property must be protected; and whilst it is easy for an employer to obtain an injunction restraining a labor organization from doing or attempting to do certain things, it is next to an impossibility to obtain a similar injunction against an employer.

"This being so the only remedy is to take such disputes out of the purview of the laws courts, in so far as the collective action of the labor union is concerned, and that is what we have secured. That also is what should be aimed at here, and from that point of view the Bryanite proposal is quite useless."

This statement coming as it does from the man who of all others has been intimately connected with the British labor movement and largely responsible for its progress, is fraught with deep significance for the labor movement here.

Labor's Gains.

American labor, especially organized labor, must listen to Keir Hardie's words with the deepest interest. Since the trades unions of Great Britain organized on a basis of political independence, neither the Liberal nor the Conservative government finds it possible to pose as the champion of the working class.

As a result of British Labor's independent political action Mr. Hardie quotes the following gains for Labor:

I. The best Workmen's Compensation for Accidents Act in the world.

II. An act making provision for the unemployed.

III. An act enabling education authorities to provide free meals for necessitous school children.

IV. The first instalment of old age pensions.

V. A fairly good Land Settlement Act has become a law.

VI. A Miners' Eight-Hour Bill—now in committee stage—to become a law next year.

VII. Railway naturalization ripening for legislation.

VIII. A great scheme for state afforestation will be provided for in next year's budget.

Hope for Encouragement.

Mr. Hardie recited these facts not with pride of accomplishment, but, as he made clear, with the hope of "encouraging our fellow workers of the United States of America, especially those who are organized in trades unions, to go and do likewise."

Mr. Hardie urges the workers to "cast aside all foolish ties that bind them to the old parties and vote solidly for Eugene V. Debs and the Socialist ticket."

"The State of Wisconsin, especially

the city of Milwaukee," said Keir Hardie, "is a good example of the practical thing Socialism in office is; as in any country, so here the Socialist in office begins to have a sense of responsibility; all talk of revolution is naturally placed in the background, and the practical end—that of gaining every immediate advantage for the worker—is put to the fore. There, in Wisconsin, they are doing things and they have no time to talk stereotyped Socialist phrases."

"And you believe, Mr. Hardie, that as quickly as the Socialists are sent to Congress and to our legislatures and are given responsible positions in city, State or nation they will work to gain every immediate advantage for labor?"

"Decidedly, and the workers will be immediately bettering their condition thereby as have the workers in Great Britain."

Hardie and Woman Suffrage.

Keir Hardie is a strong woman's suffragist and stands unqualifiedly for the suffrage of my sex, yet because he believes, to quote him, "the chief obstacle to reform of any kind in England is the conservative, plodding, timid mind of the average man," he raised the most strenuous opposition to the resolution adopted in the Labor Party Congress at Belfast in 1907, declaring for unqualified adult suffrage for men and women and threatened to resign.

Keir Hardie wanted a qualified suffrage resolution because he was deeply convinced that qualified suffrage for women could be procured quickly and unqualified suffrage was an impossibility at present, and in order to procure unqualified suffrage sooner it was wisest and best to get qualified suffrage soon. In his pamphlet entitled "The Citizenship of Women: A Plea for Women's Suffrage," Keir Hardie says:

"The male man, even he of the working class, will not lightly or all at once part with the authority which has so long been his, and admit the wife of his bosom to a political equality with himself. But once women are admitted to citizenship and some women become voters, the male mind will inensibly accustom itself to the idea of woman citizenship, and the way be thus prepared for adult suffrage complete and unrestricted by sex, poverty or marriage."

"To those who are opposed on principle to women having the vote at all," continues Mr. Hardie, "I have nothing to say. These I find it easier to pity than to reason with. But when they foresee the deluge following upon the enfranchisement of women I refer them to the colonies. There women are citizens and voters, but they have not because of that ceased to be wives—even housewives or mothers."

An Important Question.

"I am for women's suffrage purely on principle," Keir Hardie said to me, "but I am from that I support the movement as necessary for the realization of Socialism."

Mr. Hardie could not tear himself away from the question of the enfranchisement of women and declared that "the only item in the American Socialist platform in which the Socialist party commits itself to enter upon a campaign for the realization of Socialism is in its suffrage plank."

Mr. Hardie said when I asked what the Independent Labor party intended to do next, that their next step would be to pass what he calls THE RIGHT TO WORK BILL. So that every man who desires to work must be given work by the government or else must be supported by it.

At luncheon the day of the interview, Mr. Hardie, after being much pressed to tell it, told his Carnegie story, which I had never heard before and which gives the key to the high and practical character of the great Scotch miner.

Hardie and Carnegie.

Some time before the Homestead strike Keir Hardie advertised for campaign funds for his campaign, declaring in the press that he believed in taking any money no matter where it came from or from whom; his business was to openly acknowledge all funds and put the money to good use.

In answer to this appeal came five hundred dollars from Andrew Carnegie.

Poor Keir Hardie was in a dilemma; he had hardly expected money to carry on his campaign from such "tainted" quarters. But he had to grin and bear it. He had said he would accept all money no matter from what source, so there was nothing left to do but to take to his heart those five hundred dollars.

He never could quite square his conscience with the thing, however, and at night that five hundred would haunt him like a ghost.

Well, at just about the time of the Homestead strike he was forced to resign his secretaryship in his union. His fellow workers, to show their gratitude for his services, presented his wife with a gold brooch and himself with a purse of gold which contained one hundred pounds—five hundred dollars. Whereupon Keir Hardie took his five hundred dollars and promptly sent them to Homestead—to Carnegie's striking and starving working men.

"Thus," he smiled as he concluded his story, "I saved my conscience."

"But," he added, "to be just to my fellow workmen, when they learned what I had done, they at once

7,000 PAY TO HEAR EUGENE DEBS SPEAK

GRAFT CASE REOPENED

C. F. U. Has More Talk On Subject.

The graft case was reopened at the Central Federated Union yesterday when a protest was read from Cigarmakers' Union No. 90 against the reelection of Ernest Bohm as corresponding secretary of the central body because he was one of the delegates who were found guilty of being implicated with the fake labor mass meeting.

Delegates Modest, Wolf and Braun of the Cigarmakers', Dooley of the Webb Pressmen and Foreman of the Riggers joined in the protest.

It was finally decided that all convicted delegates remain in the body pending the decision of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor on the appeal from the decision of the C. F. U.

A committee was appointed to adjust differences between the bricklayers and members of the Pavers and Rammermen's Union, who are employed on the Manhattan approach of the Blackwell's Island bridge.

At the request of the Actors' Union the C. F. U. adopted a resolution calling for beneficial legislation for the former organization. The resolution asks that the Legislature amend the present law covering employment agencies so that 5 per cent. commission will be charged for over a six days' engagement and 10 per cent. for less. The present law calls for 10 per cent. for less than thirty days' work. This resolution will be presented to the convention of the Workingmen's State Federation for a similar endorsement.

A committee from the women's auxiliary addressed the C. F. U. They asked for a committee to co-operate with them in furthering the union label and to direct the purchasing powers of unionists and their families in union stores and shops. A committee of six was appointed.

The delegate of the C. F. U. to the convention of the Workingmen's State Federation was instructed to demand agitation in favor of a bill permitting a blind man to take a friend with him into the polling booth to assist him in marking the ballot. This action was taken after blind Thomas Cunningham of the Steamfitters' Union condemned the present method of assisting blind men to vote.

At the request of Delegate Henry Meisel of the Bartenders' Union the delegate to the state convention was instructed to vote in favor of agitation against local option laws.

At the request of Delegate Morris Braun of the Cigarmakers' Union the Huron Cigar Company, Seventy-fifth street and Avenue A, was taken off the unfair list. The shop was recently unionized.

YORKVILLE WILL RATIFY.

The Yorkville Agitation District of the Socialist party will hold a ratification meeting on Friday evening, September 25, at the Labor Temple, 243 East Eighty-fourth street.

It will be an inspiring affair, and a beautiful banner with the pictures of Debs and Hanford will be raised. John Spargo, Algonson Lee and Alexander Jonas will address the meeting; M. Oppenheimer will act as chairman.

HAD "BOSS" SENSE.

EAST WILLISTON, L. I., Sept. 21.—Through their shrewdness in being able to judge a horse with speed, Fred H. Post, a dealer of this place, and J. P. Remsen, a justice of the peace of Roslyn, have just sold Jotha, a mare, for \$2,500, for which they paid \$300.

opened a fund in one of the labor papers to raise for me the five hundred dollars I had sent away, and they did this in spite of my protest."

Largest Socialistic Gathering Ever Held in Minneapolis.

Candidate for President Calls Bryan a "Tight-Rope Walker," Saying He Is Making an Attempt to Balance Himself Between the Capitalist and The Working Classes—Says Four Years Ago He Denounced Wall Street People Who Are His Friends To-day.

Special to The Call.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 21.—To a gathering of more than 1,000 people Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, spoke at the St. Paul Auditorium on Saturday night. It was the largest socialistic demonstration Minneapolis has ever seen and is but another link in the argument that the country is at last awakened to a realization of conditions. The most remarkable part of the meeting was that the thousands of hearers paid 25 and 50 cents admission.

Mr. Debs arrived in the city in the afternoon in his "Red Special" from Stankato, Minn., where he spoke to a large gathering.

Mr. Debs at Stankato spoke of Bryan as one trying to ride two horses going in opposite directions, and called him a tightrope walker, trying to balance between the capitalist and the working classes.

"Four years ago," said Debs, "Bryan denounced as tools of Wall Street and train robbers men who are now his chums and allies, because he wants the help of the capitalistic interests. He is no longer attacking Tammany."

At New Ulm Mr. Debs severely rebuked the Democrats of the South, who, he said, had been in power for many years and had created wretched conditions among the working classes.

Leaving St. Paul the "Red Special" Saturday night went to Duluth, where the candidate speaks to-day. He will continue his trip from there to Hancock and Escanaba in Michigan; Green Bay, Appleton and Manitowish in Wisconsin and to Chicago to begin a tour of the East, ending at New York City October 4.

NEWARK CIGARMAKERS HOLD OUT LOYALLY

The solidarity of labor was again manifested yesterday at the meeting of the Central Labor Union in Brooklyn, when a committee of the striking cigar makers of Newark appeared before that body and asked for support.

The committee consisted of Roberts, Duffy and Rafael, who told of the brave struggle their members, all girls, are putting up in the fight with I. Lewis & Co., who have taken it upon themselves to send away some workers because they belonged to the union. The strike is eight weeks old, and though the concern offered to yield many points the strikers are ready to hold out until all the union people are taken back. Their attitude was warmly applauded, and fifty dollars was ordered to be given to their support.

The American Flint Glass Workers No. 49 appointed Richard Frann as their delegate to the Central Labor Union.

In answer to a letter from the Park employees to have their wages raised, Alderman Colgan of Brooklyn sent a communication in which he promised to estimate the matter before the Board of Estimate at their meeting Sept. 22. The Alderman promised to bring in a resolution to the effect that the Department of Parks pay drivers and husters \$2.50 a day. This, if accepted, would place the above named employees at the same basis paid in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Among the many things that came up at the meeting of the Central Labor Union, was a communication announcing the arrangements of the second convention of the National Woman's Trade Union League. The convention will take place next Sunday, September 27, at Berkeley Theatre, 13 West Forty-fourth street. Raymond Robins will be the principal speaker and a lunch is promised at the close of the meeting.

MAKE GREAT RECORDS AT NEWARK CARNIVAL

NEWARK, Sept. 21.—More than 10,000 persons thronged Olympic Park yesterday afternoon to witness the big carnival of sport held under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus and saw Ralph Rose, the giant Californian, toss the 16-pound shot fifty feet, and John Flanagan, king of weight men, hurl the hammer the remarkable distance of 175 feet 4 inches.

HIGHLANDERS GOT THE BUNK "BY GUM"

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—To the unprejudiced observer New York lost yesterday's game by a bad decision by Umpire Evans in the eighth, when with the bases crowded and the squeeze play started, he called Laporte out at first and Laporte was apparently safe by feet. Eberfeld kicked so hard over the decision that he was ejected from the field.

MESSINGER BOY RODE SOME.

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 21.—George Wiley, the Syracuse messenger boy, lowered the colors of Hugh McLean of Boston, the American middle distance motor paced champion, at the Clifton stadium yesterday afternoon in the final of the ten-mile motor paced race.

BURKETT SUES FOR \$2,000.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 21.—Jesse Burkett has been sued here for \$2,000 by Alfred A. Doe, former part owner of the team of Providence Gray, with Hugh Duffy. The pennant-winning Worcester Baseball Club was made the subject of a record of attachment Saturday.

RAN A DEAD HEAT.

There was a dead heat in the 300-yard handicap run at the monthly games of the Morris Evening High School at Macomb's Dam Park yesterday morning. S. Aggen and S. Kiesel crossed the finish line neck and neck, and the judges, unable to pick a winner, declared the race a tie.

EVEN MONEY ON MAYER.

Betting on the Frank Kramer-Henri Mayer match race, which takes place at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, has shifted from two to one with the American champion favorite to even money and take your pick. This change in the odds on what promises to be the most sensational match race ever held in New York has been brought about by the finish the German title-holder put up last Saturday night in the final sprint of the six-day race at the Garden.

TO FIGHT THE WINNER.

Willie Fitzgerald, the "Fighting Harp," has been secured to meet the winner of the Fighting Dick Nelson-"Young Lightning" fight, which will be decided at the stage of the Fairmont A. C. on Wednesday night. Nelson is one of the most promising fighters in the profession, and only a few weeks ago gave Fitzgerald the hardest six-round fight the latter has ever made.

SHATING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Harry Stone, the champion young skater of the East Side, announces that he is open to meet any one in a one to five mile race at the Metropolitan Rink, at Grand and Orchard streets.

A Man's Best Friend

is his pocket, so they say. We save you money when you buy one of White's hats, as we give you a little more value than you get elsewhere, thereby saving you another hat and bringing you back to our store season after season for another of the same kind. White's, Yorkville's popular hatter, 1450 Third Avenue, corner 83d Street.

HATS IF YOUR HAT IS AS GOOD AS McCANN'S It cost MORE.

McCann's, 210 Bowery (Opposite Livingston Street.)

THE NATIONAL GAME

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Per Ct. Rows include New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Boston, Brooklyn, St. Louis.

Sunday's Results

No games scheduled. Games Monday. Pittsburg at New York. St. Louis at Brooklyn. Chicago at Philadelphia. Cincinnati at Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Per Ct. Rows include Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, New York.

Sunday's Results

Detroit, 8; New York, 1. Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 0. St. Louis, 2; Washington, 1.

Games Monday

New York at Cleveland. Boston at Detroit. Philadelphia at Chicago. Washington at St. Louis.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Per Ct. Rows include Baltimore, Providence, Newark, Buffalo, Montreal, Jersey City, Toronto, Rochester.

Sunday's Results

Newark, 4; Jersey City, 0 (first game). Jersey City, 5; Newark, 4 (second game). Providence, 11; Baltimore, 3 (first game). Providence, 10; Baltimore, 2 (second game).

NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Per Ct. Rows include Saratoga, Binghamton, Troy, Syracuse, Utica, Albany, Wilkesbarre, Elmira.

DEVLIN WINS CROSS COUNTRY.

F. P. Devlin, the crack cross-country runner of the Mott Haven A. C., showed his heels to a large field yesterday morning in the three-mile run, the feature event of the program at the final monthly games of the club, held at Macomb's Dam Park. Starting from scratch against a field of twelve, the limber-legged hill and dale athlete began cutting down the lead of his rivals at an early stage of the running, until at the finish of two miles he was on even terms with the leaders. He started on the last mile at a good clip, and breasted the tape a winner by a lap.

WILL JOHN D. "COUGH UP?"

CLEVELAND, Sept. 21.—If the Naps win the American League pennant this year Cleveland baseball enthusiasts, headed by Charles P. Salen, county clerk, and aided by John D. Rockefeller, expect to hand Napoleon Lajoie \$1,000 and provide \$500 for each of the other eight players who take part in the game that brings the much coveted pennant to Cleveland. To-day a movement was started to ask John D. Rockefeller to provide the \$5,000 for the enterprise.

RACING BEGINS IN TEXAS.

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 21.—The Texas racing circuit will open here to-day, the races continuing one week. It will be continued then at San Antonio during the International Fair for two weeks. A week's racing at Fort Worth will follow the International Fair, then the State Fair at Dallas. The circuit will include Shreveport and Houston, concluding at Beaumont. Indications point to successful racing.

SEASONS ARE CLOSING.

The New York State League and the Eastern League finished the season yesterday. Scranton, its first year in the league, won the former pennant, and Baltimore the latter. Newark finished third in the Eastern League race, instead of second as was hoped, while Jersey City and Toronto are tied for sixth place.

Socialist Notes.



IMPORTANT.

In order that all business and agitation meetings of the local organizations of the Socialist party may appear in this column on time, the Socialist News Editor earnestly requests all secretaries of organizations to have their notices in this office before noon of the day previous to publication.

Monday's Meetings.

- Manhattan and Bronx. 4th A. D.—Pitt and Grand streets. Louis Baume, Max Mysell. 5th A. D.—Fifteenth street and Eighth avenue. J. C. Frost, Sam Edelstein. 11th A. D.—Forty-fourth street and Eighth avenue. Alb. Abrahams, Tim Murphy. 13th A. D.—Fifty-seventh street and Eighth avenue. M. Price, Henry Harris. 19th A. D.—125th street and Amsterdam avenue. Warren Atkinson, H. E. Engel. 26th A. D.—118th street and Fifth avenue. Henry Havedon, G. Sackman. Jewish. 4th A. D.—Willett and Broome streets. Filip Flanser, Max Goldofsky. 6th A. D.—Houston and Lewis streets. B. Gottlieb, L. Davidson. 8th A. D.—Jefferson and Henry streets. J. Bernstein, Miss Pauline Newman. 2d A. D.—Rutgers and Monroe streets. Louis Slotkin, Sol. Cutler. Workmen's Circle. Branch 80.—414 Grand St. BROOKLYN. 6th A. D.—Pulaski St. and Summer Ave. T. Potter, H. C. Miller. 15th A. D.—Manhattan and Norman Aves. F. L. Lackemacher, Geo. Streeter. 17th A. D.—Quincy and Tompkins Ave. I. Phillips. 19th A. D.—Wycoff Ave. and Hart St. H. Laidler, J. A. Behringer. 21st A. D.—Broadway and Siegel St. H. D. Smith, J. A. Well. 22nd A. D.—Central Ave. and Hancock St. S. S. Schwartz. Business. 23rd A. D. (Branch 2).—93 Thatford Ave. JERSEY CITY, N. J. Central and Griffith.—W. H. Leftingwell. NEWARK, N. J. Court and Belmont Ave.—W. L. Oswald. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. Open air meeting addressed by E. T. Neben. PHILADELPHIA, PA. Monday's Meetings. Broad and South.—J. Connors, E. Julius. Fortieth and Lancaster.—J. J. Miller, Geo. Neven. Eighteenth and Susquehanna.—Chas. DeKyne, Chas. Selig. Tuesday's Meetings. Fifty-second and Haverford.—T. Wysham, S. Knebel. East Plaza, City Hall.—H. Sanders, W. Kelly. Third and Fitzwater.—J. Kaminetzky. ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA. Tuesday's Meetings. West Tarentum.—Meng. Wilkesburg.—Hall meeting, Goff.

MARIQUE WINS DRIVING RACE.

At the twentieth weekly light harness matinee of the Gentlemen's Driving Park Association at the old Guttenberg race track yesterday Marique defeated Crimson Clover in Class AA, for trotters, after losing the first heat by a nose. The times in all three heats were 2:20, 2:22 and 2:20. Finchem Wilkes captured the Class A race, for pacers, in straight heats. Despite the unfavorable conditions a large crowd saw the sport.

PENSION FOR OLD EMPLOYEE.

Sam Pettinger, who has been with the New York Athletic Club nearly twenty-five years, has been retired on a pension of \$1,000 a year for the rest of his days. He has served in the capacity of cashier and other positions and was the club's oldest employee. The granting of a pension is a rare occurrence in athletic club history.

RELIABLE CLOTHING.

One of the best clothing houses in Brooklyn that handle both ready-made and made-to-order goods is "The Reliable House," at 1761 Pitkin avenue, near Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. This concern follows a strictly one-price method, so that customers are sure of always getting the lowest possible figure consistent with good goods. This store handles men's, boys' and children's clothing.

NEWEST "CARMEN" COMES TO TOWN

By HARRY CHAPIN FLUMMER.

It is given to one generation to realize, fully and comprehensively, and impartially to judge, the inconsistencies and, oftentimes, the stupidity, of another. A case in point, the attitude of the Parisian public toward the opera "Carmen," when first Georges Bizet gave to the world that masterpiece of lyric drama, as viewed at the present time, thirty-three years after the premiere of the work at the Opera Comique. The unsurprisingly harsh criticism and the coldness with which the opera was met by an unsympathetic public and cynical press laid its composer in a grave in the St. Pere la Chaise Cemetery just three months after the opening night. Bizet was thirty-seven years old when he died.

Then March 3, 1875: The Opera Comique, Paris, housing an audience representative of the elite of the administrative, diplomatic, social, art and literary life of the gay French capital. The occasion—a gala one—the premiere of the opera "Carmen," adapted from Prosper Merimee's powerful romance of the same title. The mounting characteristic of all the productions brought forth at the home of French lightgrand and comic opera. The cast composed of Galli-Marie, Marguerite Chapuis, Lherie, Bouhy and other singers of the front rank in operatic circles of the time. The orchestra, an aggregation symphonic in numerical strength and equipment. The natural result, a performance as near to the artistic ideal as it may be possible to give. The verdict, one of failure, in so far as the work was concerned.

Now. September 17, 1908: The American Theatre, New York, where English, French and American opera companies have held forth in recent years, housing an audience representative of every walk in the conglomerate and cosmopolitan life of the world's second city. The occasion, the eleventh hour substitution of a popular old opera for a new production billed for the evening's entertainment. The recent work (Giordano's "Fedora") postponed until Saturday. Experienced management quickly "puts on" a favorite—Georges Bizet's "Carmen." The mounting passable. The cast competent. The orchestra deficient in the number of its players, consequently handicapped, but containing good material. The natural result, a performance not approaching the artistic ideal, yet not without its happy moments. The verdict, one of success, in so far as the work was concerned. Cries of "Bravo!" "Bis! Bis!"

Always a Safe Substitute.

The instance cited above, of the substitution of "Carmen" for "Fedora," is typical of the fortunes of the Bizet work. No matter what may be the occasion—an opening night in a city where are billed strong competing attractions, the sudden indisposition of a prima donna, scenery of a new piece lost or gone astray, upsetting of schedules—"Carmen" can be depended upon to fill a theatre, so long as a fair performance is assured. Thirty-three years afterward! Because of the illness of Signora Helen Therry, who was to have sung the title role in the Giordano opera Thursday evening, that new production was postponed and "Carmen" staged in place of the modern Italian work.

Signora Duce-Merola has accomplished an impersonation of Bizet's wicked heroine that has its certain note of individuality, while fulfilling the accepted standards that govern the handling of the exacting role. The prima donna was not in the best of voice on the only in her singing of the seductively brilliant aria in the first act, "Presse il bastione di Siviglia" (Near to the Ramparts of Seville), did she display her accustomed tonal wealth, although she sustained well her part in the "Trio delle carte" (Trio of Cards) in the third act.

An Done Jose, Signor Eugenio Torre gave a very capable portrayal of the Sergeant of the Guards. His vocal work was unsatisfactory, however; his "Romansa del fiori" (Flower Romance) being marred by poor phrasing. The Escudillo of Signor Giuseppe Zera was excellent; the "Canto del Toreador" (Toreador's Song) being rendered with good taste and proper effect. He engaged in a sort of Brooklyn-Bridge-at-six-o'clock-p.m. struggle with the choirsters in making his exit through the gate of Lillas Pastas' hostelry. The polite Spanish "fans" of the Sevillian bullring would be very sure to wait, bowing, until their favorite and idol had passed through the portal.

Applauded to the echo, and deservedly so, was Signora Lena Bertozzi, who sang the music of Michaela, the while struggling to keep her wig on straight. In the minor roles of Frasquita, Mercedes, Zuniga, Remendado and Doncairo, respectively, Signore Bosse and Solon and Signori Oteri and Novelli gave fair performances. The chorus sang and acted with a smartness and dash that enlivened every act of the opera. Under the direction of Signor Gaetano Merola, the orchestra endeavored conscientiously to meet the heavy demands put upon it by the "Carmen" score.

THE THEATRES

The S. S. "Carmen," which is scheduled to arrive at this port Tuesday, will bring among its passengers two of the theatrically elect, Miss Maude Adams and Miss Eleanor Robson, both arriving to begin preparations for their forthcoming season. Miss Robson has been living quietly at Bonchurch on the Isle of Wight, in an effort to recover her health, which broke down at the end of last season, as the result of an arduous eight months' tour. Miss Robson's initial production this season will be "Vera, The Medium," written especially for her by Mr. Richard Harding Davis. The opening performance will probably take place about the first week in November. Miss Robson will take up her residence immediately upon her arrival, in the new mansion she purchased last Spring on West 77th street.

In addition to the above mentioned play, Miss Robson will be seen in "The Dawn of To-morrow" by Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, and "The Nun" by F. Marion Crawford, and one or two others that are now in process of construction.

Belasco's new play is called "The Fighting Hope," and will be shown at the Stuyvesant Theatre on Tuesday evening, with Miss Blanche Bates in the leading part. The author is William J. Hurlbut. It is a modern American play with but five characters and one set. Miss Bates, who has not recently been seen in a character that wears conventional garb, will play the part of a woman who, in trying to clear her husband from a charge of guilt, finds that he is in reality guilty and that she holds in her own hands the proof that can, if destroyed, free him; that can, if given to the authorities, condemn him. Obviously there should be a chance for "emotional acting" here. Charles Richman will have the leading male role.

Percy MacKaye's new drama is also a play of to-day, and in prose. It will be shown at the Savoy Theatre next Friday afternoon, Mr. Miller once more producing a new work then instead of in the evening. It is a comedy, a comedy of character rather than of incident, with Isabel Irving as Mater, a woman who in her own womanly way wins out for her son who has no very high idea of woman's ways. It may be said in advance that Mr. MacKaye, though working in prose, has not forsaken his vein of fancy, and that this play will at least be different.

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CRISIS DUE IN 1912

Lawyer Prophecies Great Battle.

Correspondence to The Call. CANTON, O., Sept. 16.—Considerable excitement was caused at a banquet of the Young Men's Democratic Club when Mr. Allen Cook, a prominent attorney and real estate broker of this city, came out for Socialism in a speech which the Morning News in reporting the event calls "A forceful and truthful address."

Mr. Allen said, in part: "What are the essential points of difference between the Democratic party and the Republican party in this campaign, and how much faith are you justified in placing in the reforms and promises of either party? The same capitalistic system, the same selfish, heartless influence, and the same owners of predatory wealth that manipulate the workings of the Democratic party, direct and control the course of legislation and administration of the Republican party."

Describes Class Struggle.

"There is a conflict between labor and capital that is inevitable and irremediable. It is only a matter of time until this great conflict will be precipitated. When the crisis is reached we will find all those who protest against this inequality, this injustice, this favoritism of the government to privileged classes and all who love their fellowmen and are willing to do unto others as they would be done by, arrayed in one great army known as Socialism. On the other side, you will find all the interests of predatory wealth, and those who believe that a moneyed aristocracy is an essential element in a dignified government, arrayed under the banner of capitalism. The side of Socialism will be the best bone and sinew of the country—coming from factory, farm and mine, from profession, store and office, and all kinds of useful labor, to join the great forces that will fight the fight and win the victory that will establish this nation the co-operative commonwealth and make the life of the working millions worth the living."

Mr. Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist candidate for President, this year receives more than a million votes, and he will receive two million, and will not be power enough in the government of the United States with the army and navy included to prevent the great struggle taking place in 1912. I look forward to the next four years as being the most eventful period in the history of our nation."

CATSKILL WAKES UP.

Socialist Orator Talks to Descendants of Rip Van Winkle.

Special to The Call. CATSKILL, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Governor Strebel, Socialist party candidate for lieutenant governor, addressed a large and attentive audience Wednesday night.

An incorrigible "butter-in" deflected several from his original argument, and furnished instructive entertainment to the audience. Finally he quit his talk to do as he pleased.

It was the best meeting yet held here and presaged well for Election Day. The meeting broke up with cheers for the Co-operative Commonwealth, E. V. Debs, and the speaker.

PATERSON PROTEST MEETINGS.

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 17.—The Women Defense Conference of this city held a large and enthusiastic meeting and many delegates from various labor organizations were present, who voiced their sentiments against annexing the United States to Russia by returning Jan Janoff's name.

Meetings will be held every Sunday at 10 A. M. at 104 Main street. All organizations that believe in liberty and justice should elect delegates to this conference, and send protests to the President of the United States as well.

A monster protest meeting will be held in Tuja Hall in the near future.

NEW CLUB ROOMS OPEN.

The Socialists of the Twenty-fourth A. D. will open their new headquarters at 239 East 101st street, to-night, with a merry celebration, preceded by an open air meeting in front of the club rooms.

The Socialists of the Fourth A. D. will have a grand opening of their new club rooms at 4 Pitts street, to-night. There will be music, speaking and amusements of all kinds. This social evening will afford a good opportunity for the Socialists of the district to become still better acquainted.

VETERAN NOMINATED.

A well attended convention of the Socialist party of the Fourth Congressional District of Brooklyn, at 237 Broadway street, the veteran Socialist, Otto Wrenn, was selected as the man whom the Socialists of the Fourth will try to send to Washington at the coming election. When Wrenn was named for Presidential elector.

COTTON STRIKE IS PARTIALLY SETTLED

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 19.—The wages dispute in the Lancashire cotton trade, which threatened to involve the locking out of 200,000 operatives to-day, has taken a new turn. The spinners to-day accepted the terms of their employers, a 5 per cent. reduction in wages, beginning January 1 next, but the card room operatives decline to yield. The consequences will be, should the card roomers adhere to their decision, that the spinners, though willing to work, will be unable to do so, owing to lack of material, for the card roomers will be locked out.

CATHOLIC REVIEW SILENCED

The New York Review, a Roman Catholic bi-monthly magazine, which began to be issued from St. Joseph's Seminary, at Dunwoodie, Westchester county, three years ago, with the motto, "Ancient Faith and Modern Thought," will cease to appear after this week's number.

"We started the magazine with the idea of showing the harmony between the original doctrines of our church and modern scientific truths," explained Father James F. Driscoll, the editor in chief, yesterday, "but found that only about a thousand Catholics in the entire country were sufficiently interested to pay a two dollar subscription per year."

"We also came in for a great deal of criticism, both at home and abroad, for our alleged 'advanced' thought. Father Lepicier of the College of Propaganda at Rome criticized some of our contributions with particular vigor in his classes."

Father Driscoll denied that any pressure had been brought on the magazine, either directly or indirectly, by the Pope. In St. Louis, Mo., rector of St. Patrick's, confirmed him.

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ENTHUSIASM UNBOUNDED

Golden State Gives Debs Continuous Ovation.

By OTTO McFEELY. (Workers' Press Association.) SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 11.—Another record was broken last night in the political annals of America. At Los Angeles several thousand persons paid to hear Debs give an exposition of Socialism and several thousand more were admitted free.

The Shrine Auditorium was used for the working class gathering. The inspiring audience responded to every sentiment of the workers' candidate for President and the enthusiasm in the auditorium was an indication of the interest in Socialism throughout the coast city.

The night before the meeting ten thousand workers paraded to advertise the "Red Special" night and to celebrate the victory over the police in the free speech fight. Seven open air meetings were held without molestation.

On the street, in the cars, in the saloons, stores, offices, shops and mills Socialism is a daily topic. We heard it everywhere.

At one newspaper office I found the managing editor and he showed me his due card in the party. Before I left a dozen reporters had displayed their cards proudly. "I want to make the most of this meeting for propaganda purposes," said the editor, and I was almost paralyzed.

Swarms of Socialist Sunday school children met the train in the evening and childish shouts welcomed the candidate who stands for happier and better conditions for all children.

Last night an agent of the St. Francis Hotel in Frisco came aboard to invite Debs and his party to occupy the finest suite of rooms in the famous new hotel. In a second the Socialist candidate for President had refused. He disliked the idea of being used for advertising purposes and decided to stick to his little "hall bed room" on the "Red Special."

On the "Red Special," just out of San Jose, Cal., September 11, 4,000 people surrounded the train at San Jose. The enthusiasm was immense and they wanted our platforms and literature.

The train now is dashing along at the rate of a mile every three-quarters of a minute. We are a half-hour behind and there is a Socialist engineer and fireman on the front and the engineer and fireman want to do all they can for the enlightenment of the college men who have invited Debs to speak in their institution.

The engineer has just finished thirty-three miles in twenty-two minutes.

HEARST SPEAKER RATTLED.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Sept. 18.—When Herbert W. Minks, Socialist party candidate for assembly, asked an independence party speaker, "How about Hearst and the Boston news-boys' strike?" the chairman of the meeting interposed and told Minks that if he didn't shut up they would throw him out.

This way of answering questions did not please the few people who were listening to the Hearstian hot air, and many expressed their disgust in strong terms.

THE "RED SPECIAL" IN NEW JERSEY

Special to The Call. NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 19.—The dates of the "Red Special" visits in New Jersey are now definitely settled. They are: Trenton, October 10; Newark, October 12; Jersey City, October 14.

George H. Goebel will spend the closing ten days of the campaign in New Jersey, and J. Edward Morgan will spend the first two weeks in October in this State. Both will be under the direction of the Socialist State Campaign Committee.

During State Secretary Killigbeck's absence, G. H. Strobel, 5 Lincoln Park, Newark, will answer correspondence.

CONSPIRACY CHARGES Brutal Alabama Governor May Be Implicated.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 19.—Max Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, writing in the Cleveland Press, says:

"I have it upon the authority of a national officer of the United Mine Workers that the executive officials of that body will soon issue a statement relative to calling off the miners' strike in Alabama that will cause a sensation throughout the country. The statement will not only say that Gov. Comer did the bidding of the operators in every particular by loaning them the militia, aiding to secure strike breakers, prohibiting meetings, ordering that the strikers' tents be razed, and threatening the miners with imprisonment and deportation, but it will also charge that some of Comer's tools deliberately plotted to inaugurate a race war and drench the mining district of Alabama with the blood of blacks and whites."

"The miners have had detectives employed in and about Blocton, where a train was fired upon and a number of strikebreakers were killed and the charge laid at the doors of the miners. The officials charge that Governor Comer changed the route of the train at the last moment and sent it through a district where there were but few miners who could have known anything about the train. Also that an empty car was carried on the train, that the plan of the conspirators was to shoot up that car, but that Comer's minions misunderstood orders and shot into a car containing strikebreakers, killing a number of them."

"Governor Comer was asked by the miners' officials why the route of the train was changed the last moment, and he evaded the question. He was asked how the miners, far away, could have learned that the plans had been changed at the last moment, and Comer hinted vaguely that the miners had been "tipped off" by a telegraph operator."

"The latter is to be victimized by the Alabama authorities in order to make a case against the miners, it is claimed, but the union officials state that when the case comes to trial their attorneys will bring out some further information that will startle the country."

HOW DEBS STANDS IN 'TERRY HUT'

In view of the reports circulated by the old party politicians and press regarding the personal character of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for President, the following letter written by Mayor James Lyons of Terre Haute in February, 1907, and just made public, is interesting, as indicative of the regard in which Debs is held in his home town:

"Executive Department, "City of Terre Haute, Indiana, "James Lyons, Mayor, "February 27, 1907.

"Mr. John Cuthbertson, "Crooked Lake, Mich. "Dear Sir:—Yours of the 24th inst. received requesting information without any political bias as to the standing of Eugene V. Debs in this community.

"In reply, I will state that while the overall majority of the people here are opposed to the social and economical theories of Mr. Debs, that there is not perhaps a single man in this city who enjoys to a greater degree than Mr. Debs the affection, love and profound respect of the entire community."

"He is cultured, brilliant, eloquent, scholarly and compassionate, lovable in his relations with his fellow man. At home he is known as 'Gene,' and that perhaps indicates our feeling towards him as a man, independent of his political views."

"He numbers his friends and associates among all classes, rich and poor, and some of the richest men here, people who by very instinct are bitter against Socialism, are warm personal friends of Mr. Debs. His personal life is spotless and he enjoys a beautiful home life. Few public men have been more persistently and ruthlessly misrepresented by the press of the country."

"When such men as James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, comes to Terre Haute, he is always the guest of Mr. Debs."

"If you care to cause this letter in any way for publication, you are at liberty to do so. Every word I have written, and I am not in sympathy with Mr. Debs' views on Socialism, I know would be heartily endorsed by the people of this city."

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Socialist Candidate Talks to Thousands.

By OTTO McFEELY. (Workers' Press Association.) STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 12.—Five thousand persons paid from 25 to 50 cents apiece to hear Eugene V. Debs last night in Dreamland Rink, San Francisco, and afterwards dug up a collection of \$361 to help send the "Red Special" on its Eastern trip.

At Berkeley this morning an extra meeting was arranged in the Greek Theatre at the State University. The theatre is roofed by the sky and is one of the most beautiful in this country. President Wheeler of the university was present and was introduced to Debs.

"How many are there here, do you think?" asked the scholar of the ex-locomotive fireman as they stood gazing at the dissolving throng. "About 1,500," was the reply. "There was between 3,500 and 4,000 here this morning," said the university head. "This theatre is so vast that it is difficult to estimate the crowd."

Debs gave a talk that was as scientific as any ever given by a college professor and the college boys gave their yells. The candidate was interrupted by a prominent lawyer who asked several questions. He wanted to know if we could ever have a Socialist government if the constitution would not permit it. Then he was told that constitutions and every thing else in the way would be swept aside when the workers decided to run the government in their own interests. It was the opinion of some Socialists present that the lawyer's courteous questions were all answered, and he thanked the speaker.

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the Birmingham district, how he ordered the militia to destroy the striking miners' camps and to furnish them by the United Mine Workers...

When the delegates had taken his vote something happened that was not only a surprise to the "Workingmen's Party" but a surprise to the "United Mine Workers' Journal"...

Then again Mr. James E. Connor, the secretary of the recently born "Democratic Free Union"...

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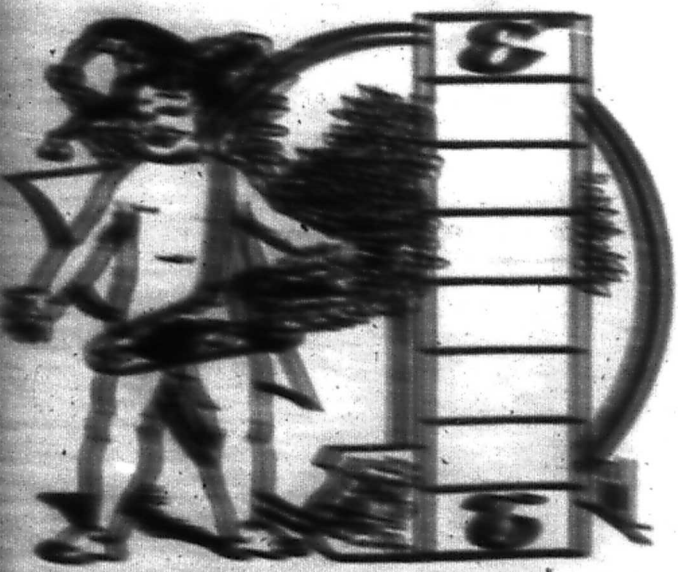


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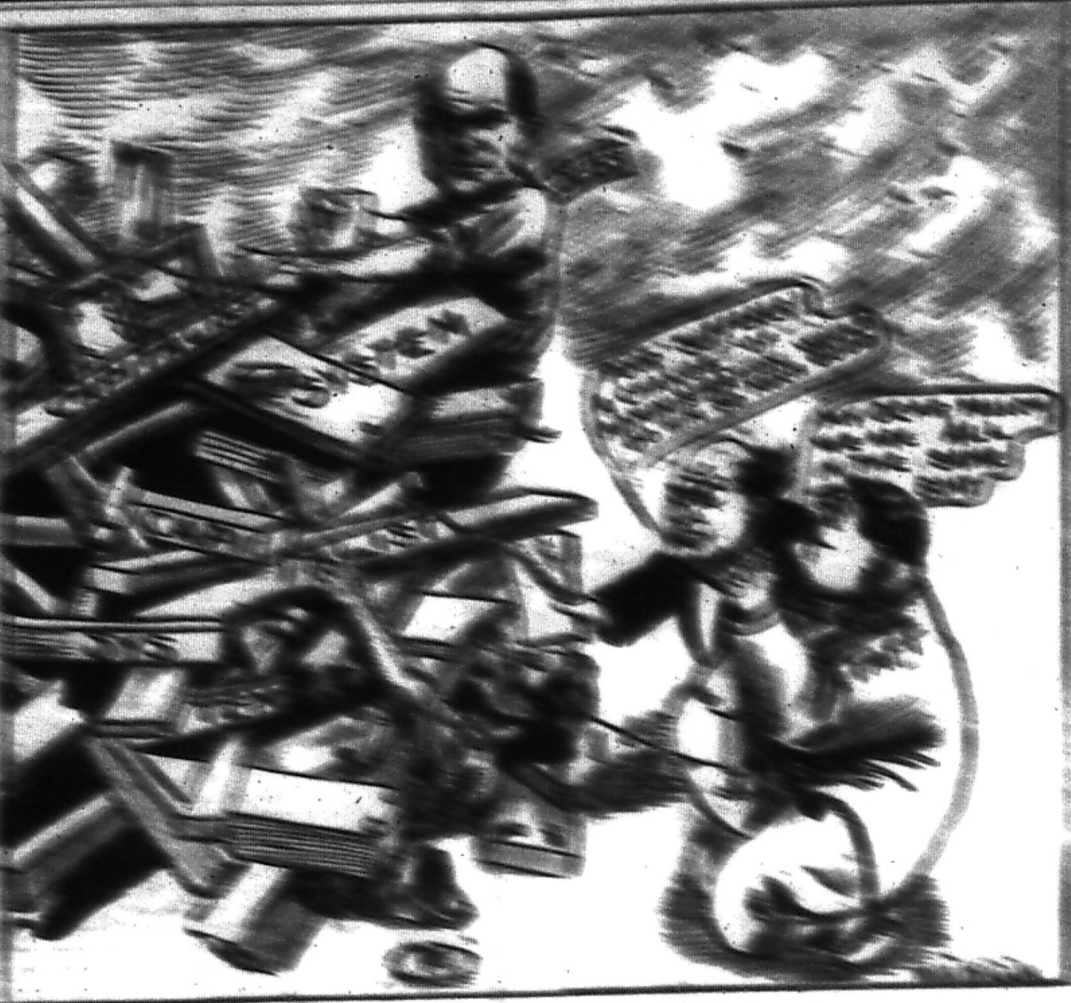
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