

THE CALL LIBRARY VOTE

FOR THE MOST POPULAR ORGANIZATION.

I VOTE FOR... NAME... ADDRESS... Address Letters to Library Editor, THE NEW YORK EVENING CALL, P. O. Box, 1624, N. Y. City.

CALLS BINGHAM MODERN CAESAR

Writer Says Police Commissioner Is Unable to Cope with Big Crimes.

Police Commissioner Bingham, who is "nearly a hero" in his prosecution of push-cart peddlers and in breaking up socialist meetings...

A Continuous Flow of Blood.

"New York, in fact, is surfeited with murder," the article continues. "It is a commonplace of the day's news; it has ceased to attract attention. Men are stabbed or shot down or black-jacked, not secretly, but in the open, crowded streets at midday, for little or no cause."

FOLLOWER LANDS IN JAIL

Man Who Dogged Miss McCarthy Arrested.

A well dressed man, apparently over fifty, and giving his name as Frederick A. Mason, was arrested in Brooklyn, accused of annoying Miss Gladys McCarthy, aged seventeen, of 182 St. Marks avenue.

FIRST SKIRMISH WON.

Striking Window Glassworkers Gain Several Big Plants.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 21.—President Faulkner, of the National Window Glassworkers, announces that at the close of the first day of the strike...

NOTE TO NEW SOCIALISTS

Read Socialist Books. Every one desiring to see the new Socialist books...

JAMES R. KEARNEY & CO.

Furniture for the Holidays Parlor Suits, Carpets, Rugs, Draperies, Pianos & Phonographs.

Write for New Booklet. Open Evenings. 1351-53-55-57-3rd Ave. BET. 77 & 78 Sts.

C. F. U. TO FIGHT LOCAL OPTION

Adopts Resolution Calling for National Movement Against Anti-Liquor Laws.

The Central Federated Union, renewed its fight against local option yesterday by adopting a recommendation from its executive board calling for an organized effort to defeat the local option movement throughout the country.

HELD ON SUSPICION

Fire Looked Bad—Janitor Held in \$1,000 for Examination.

A fire at 43 Second avenue attracted the attention of Policeman Cahill, of the 5th street station, at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

FREE DEUTSCHE SCHULE.

All the pupils of the Freie Deutsche Schule, of Brooklyn, are looking forward with delightful anticipation to Christmas night.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Consult this Column Before Spending Your Money. Advertise Here for Results.

UNION MADE HATS.

Well Known East Side Hatter, M. ROSENBERG, Washington Brand Hats, A Full Line of Men's, Boys' and Girls' Caps.

MEETINGS.

This is the place for the trade unions, Socialist organizations and progressive societies to advertise their meetings and lectures.

WANTED—MILK CONSUMERS.

Several Call readers are ready to patronize a firm that will deliver milk daily at the house.

WANTED—TO BUY.

Two Call readers have informed the C. P. L. that they want to buy a large phonograph and opera records.

FOR SALE.

Naptha Launch; very cheap. Inquire 6 Nennin, Arlington Ave., near Linwood, Brooklyn.

BOOKS.

A beautiful holiday gift. The magnificent volume "Christy Girl," 12. Drop postal. I will call. Anthony, Room 7, 134 E. 25th st.

BADGES, BANNERS, ETC.

125 Clinton St. New York. Branch: 2205 3d Ave., bet. 120th and 121st Sts.

MEETINGS.

Inside Branch United Housemiths and Bronze Erectors' Local Union No. 22 meets every Tuesday evening, 3 o'clock, at Parker's Hall, 151 2d Ave., between 50th and 51st Sts., New York City.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF CALL BONDS.

Have you taken the suggestion of Mrs. Bertha Howe, who has sent a portion of her Christmas money to the Sustaining Fund of the Call?

STANDARD OIL DENIES.

In a big advertisement appearing in all the morning papers to-day, the Standard Oil Company absolutely denies any connection with the new wage scale with a 25 per cent. increase.

EMPLOYEES WILL SHARE IN PROFITS

New Scheme of Division Among the Workers Is Outlined by Morris & Co., of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—One of the most comprehensive of employees' pension systems will be put in operation by Morris & Co., packers, on January 1. The plan, which was worked out by Edward Morris, president of the company, combines a pension fund, an employees' co-operative bank and an industrial profit sharing scheme.

The plan provides that the pension fund shall be raised by an annual contribution by the company of \$25,000 until the fund reaches \$500,000 and 3 per cent of the salary of every employee who wishes to take part in the scheme.

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

R. Foshland, violin maker and repairer, music and musical instruments; old violins, Edison phonographs and records. 1734 Broadway, Brooklyn.

BOARD WANTED.

Room and board wanted by mechanic, 20, educated, in private family, vicinity Columbus Circle preferred; detail answer. D. H. York, 421 W. 57th st.

FURNISHED ROOM TO LET.

Parlor and bedroom, \$15 per month; board if desired. Mrs. Fox, 71 West 137th St.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Whist Players, Attention!!! I have a whist board that will keep perfect score for 4 players; also individual score for thousands for 2 work for \$1.00. H. A. Hedden, 344 Sixth St., Milwaukee, Wis.

SITUATION WANTED—FEMALE.

A comrade, girl of 18, wishes a position as stenographer and office assistant; one year's experience; will work for \$8. Apply to Anna A. Maley, The Call.

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Young man, 19 years of age; strong and willing, wants a position at anything. Write to 311-13 E. 3d St. L. Goodman.

HELP WANTED.

Agents: Men or women! Just out. LADY EMBLEM watch guard. Protects lady's watches from loss or theft. A wonderful seller. Nothing like it. 100 per cent profit. Call or write. L. M. Mellis & Co., 3 Park Row, N. Y.

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UMBRELLAS.

A Useful Holiday Present is a SIMON'S Fine Silk Umbrella. 37 Avenue A.

CASPERFELD AND CLEVELAND

ESTABLISHED 1887. 144 BOWERY, "Bowery Savings Bank Block." 2d, Grand and Broome Sts., north of Grand St. Station, west side of street.

Xmas Gifts for Thrifty Buyers

Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry.

AN APPEAL.

As advertisers of over fifty years' experience, we wish to impress upon you that THE CALL cannot prosper in a financial sense unless it obtains advertising and plenty of it.

We bespeak your patronage, not alone because of the advertising we are giving this paper, but also on the broad ground of values and reputation.

So that we may accurately judge of the results of our advertising in THE CALL, you will confer benefit upon both this paper and ourselves if you will present a copy of this advertisement to the salesman after you have made your purchase.

Only help us to judge the value of THE CALL as an advertising medium, but you help your cause and official organ as well.

Open Ev'g's Thu, Saturdays Thru 10. Mail orders filed. Inquiries solicited.

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS.

At last week's joint meeting of the English, Dutch and German branches of the 23d A. D. of the Socialist Party the following officers were elected:

Organizer, Chas. Stifter; literary agents, John Schneider and E. Buchler.

For officers of Local New York the following were nominated:

Organizer and financial secretary, N. Solomon; recording secretary, Francis M. Gill; treasurer, Henry Ortland; controller, Ernst Ramms; sergeant-at-arms, Morris Steiner; city executive committee, Alexander Jonas, Algisner L. M. Oppenheimer, Francis M. Gill, Thomas Crimmins, Berlin and Spindler.

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UNION FALLS OUT WITH PREACHERS

Toledo Central Labor Union Withdraws Its Fraternal Delegate from Preachers' Union.

Special To The Call.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 21.—The open hostility between Rev. Boetcker, of the Citizens' Alliance, and the trade unions reached an acute stage last Thursday when, on motion of a laundry worker, the Central Labor Union's fraternal delegates to the Preachers' Union were unanimously withdrawn.

This was the result of a report by Business Agent Rumsey, of the Central Labor Union, who told at length of the visit of unionists to the preachers, and the failure to present evidence, backed by affidavits, that Boetcker was using his ministerial grade to break the Laundry Workers' strike in this city.

At that time the preachers recommended that the matter be taken up with the presbytery or the Citizens' Alliance.

Repayment on the part of many unionists had developed because the centrally fraternal delegates were seated with Boetcker. This, together with the method of the preachers in discussing matters behind closed doors, and only making public what their press committee decided, led to the above action.

IMPERIALISM COMES HIGH.

But We Must Have It, Say the "Powers That Be."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The excess of insular expenditures over revenues during the past fiscal year was \$570,224. The excess of receipts over expenditures in the city of Manila was \$228,367.

According to the annual report of Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department:

The expenditures of the Republic of Cuba on account of American intervention from October 1, 1896, to June 30 last were \$737,243. These expenditures were made from funds allotted by the provisional government from time to time for army expenditures due directly to the army service in Cuba.

The statement of extraordinary expenditures on account of the army of pacification in Cuba, which, under Congressional legislation, are to be reimbursed from the Cuban treasury shows a total of \$5,811,822, of which \$2,778,735 was from October 1, 1896, to June 30, 1907, and the balance from then until June 30 last.

PARDONS BIALYSTOK RIOTERS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—Emperor Nicholas has pardoned ten of the participants in the Bialystok massacre of 1905, whose penal sentences were yet unexpired.

He denied the petition of the League of Russian People to commute the sentences of two who were convicted of actual murder.

Eleven Christians and 73 Jews were killed, and over 100 persons wounded in the Bialystok massacre. The ringleaders in the disorders were found guilty and sentenced last June.

AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

All present and past students of the Rand school 1112 East 19th street, their friends and any others who are interested are cordially invited to attend a social gathering to be held on Christmas Day, from 4 o'clock to 8 o'clock P. M.

The gathering will be of the nature of an old-fashioned American Christmas celebration. There will be vocal and instrumental music, recitations, spelling bee, in which two groups will be chosen to spell against each other and refreshments of all kinds.

M. & A. Katz, Department Store

831-833 Third Avenue, near 81st Street OPEN EVERY EVENING.

USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS

BOYS' AND GIRLS' APPAREL. Splendid assortment—No trouble to find appropriate gifts here.

LADIES' SHIRTWAISTS AND SKIRTS. Fancy Goods, Men and Women's Furnishings, Hair Goods, Fancy Combs, Jewelry, Toilet Articles, Umbrellas, Silver and Ebony Toilet Sets, Gloves, Leather Hand Bags and Purse at price savings.

DRY GOODS AND FINE GOODS. Latest weaves and style effects—Any of them appreciative Xmas Presents.

PLATTINGS FOR THE CHILDREN. Toys, Dolls and many other things to make the little ones happy at lowest prices. Special Discount to Clubs. Save Our Coupons.

THE CALL LIBRARY CONTEST

For the Most Popular Organization. Any Trade Union, Labor Organization, Social Club, Singing Society, Socialist Party Local, Fraternal Organization, Lodge, Athletic Club, etc., can enter this contest.

The prizes will be— First prize \$200 Library (or a handsome hand-made Embroidered Banner). Second prize 200 Library. Third prize 100 Library.

This contest will end at the Grand Carnival and Fair of The Call, to be held in April.

Here is the way the record stands up to December 15: 23d A. D. Soc. Party, Bklyn. 3,985. Turn Verein Vorwarts, Bklyn. 3,867. Young Men's Prop. Org. 3,475. 2d A. D. Soc. Party 3,241. 28th A. D. Soc. Party 3,225. Typographical Union No. 1 3,177. N. Y. P. O. Clerks' Union No. 10,450. Workmen's Educational Club Brooklyn 4,040. 23d A. D. Soc. Party, Bklyn. 3,990. Local Astoria 3,820. Typographical Union No. 1 3,800. Young Friends' Soc. Lit. Circle 3,042. Socialist Five and Drum Corps 3,022. Turn Verein Vorwarts, N. Y. 2,922. Stereotypers' Union No. 1 2,710. Bakers' Union No. 15, Jersey City 2,550. Inter-High School Soc. League 2,340. Local Newark, Soc. Party 2,300. Paterson Young Soc. League 2,190. Social A. C., Bronx 1,922. Murray Hill Socialist Club 1,740. Westchester Soc. Party 1,577. Carpenters' Union No. 476 1,360. 26th A. D. Soc. Party 1,196. W. S. & D. E. Fund 24, Harlem 760. N. Y. Propaganda League, I. W. N. Y. 660. Harrison Lodge No. 156, Int. A. T. N. Machinists 549. Newspaper & Mail Deliverers' Union No. 3483 528. Electricians' Union No. 1 528. Theatrical Union No. 1 528. Soc. Youths of Russia 500. Engravers' Union No. 1 490. Yorkville Dancer 460. 2d and 10th A. D. Soc. Party 450. Brotherhood of United 311 320. Branch Irvington, N. Y. 320. Arbeiter Turn der Westseite 340. N. Y. Letter Carriers' Ass'n 350. Mailers' Union No. 8 350.

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Save Our Coupons

VOYING COUPON

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ANOTHER OUTRAGE ON THE BORDER

Supposed Agents of the Mexican Despot Wreck Office of Liberal Paper.

TEACHERS TO FIGHT

Women Say They Will Continue Effort for Equal Pay. Miss Grace C. Strachan, the President, and the executive committee of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers...

IN THE 20TH A. D.

At the last meeting of the 26th A. D. of the Socialist Party the following officers were elected:

Organizer, M. Sullivan; recording secretary, P. Newman; financial secretary, N. Solomon...

The Call Publishers' League

OUR OBJECT IS TO CONCENTRATE AND DIRECT THE PURCHASING POWER OF ALL CALL READERS TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE OF CALL ADVERTISERS.

Adv. Dept. The Call: In answer to your adv. in The Call for names and addresses of readers who would like to see a bank adv. in this paper...

A GOOD WAY TO HELP THE CALL NOW.

Show The Call to the man whose advertisement you would like to see in your paper. Invite him to advertise...

DEVOUT CHRISTIAN ROASTS ROOSEVELT

J. C. Martin shows Up President's Inconsistency in Lying About Paine and Upholding Taft.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 21.—Mr. J. C. Martin, the ardent Lutheran Christian who wrote to President Roosevelt October 20 asking if it were not true that Mr. Taft was an infidel and his wife and brother Roman Catholics...

Praises Thomas Paine.

"Now, Mr. President, did not the inconsistency of your characterization of Thomas Paine as a 'filthy little atheist'...

A GROWING ORGANIZATION.

The last meeting of the Harlem Branch of the Socialist Women's Society, at 250 West 125th street, was well attended...

GRAND CHRISTMAS BALL.

The tickets for the grand annual ball to be given by the 5th A. D. of the Socialist Party in the Manhattan Lyceum...

MAISEL'S BOOK STORE,

422 Grand Street, New York. "The Spy," the very latest novel by Maxim Gorky, 405 pages, cloth, just published at \$1.50...

adv. Dept. The Call: I wish to buy mail to be delivered at West New Brighton, Staten Island; also potatoes.

CALL ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION BLANK.

I have shown The Call to... and at the same time recommended advertising in this paper. Please send your solicitor to see Mr. ...

Socialist Notes.

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ENTERTAINMENT AND BALL OF THE Harlem Branch, Socialist Party TO BE HELD AT Manhattan Casino, 155th St. cor. 8th Ave.

New Year's Afternoon and Evening, January 1st, '09. Concert arranged by Platon Brouneff, assisted by Maurice Nitke, Violinist; Caroline Van Name, Soprano, and a host of others.

SUPPORT MINISTER TO INCREASE SIZE

Italian Deputies Condone Arbitrary Discharge of Postal Employee. Government Planning for 25,000 Ton Vessels with 14-inch Guns.

ROME, Dec. 21.—Great excitement was caused in the Chamber of Deputies when Deputy Turati, of the Socialist party, interpellated Minister Schanzer, of the postal and telegraph service, regarding the discharge of Dr. Antonio Campanozzi, the Minister's former secretary...

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Anticipating that future battleships will be larger and will carry heavier guns than any now afloat, the Board of Construction has prepared plans for large battleships of several different types.

BUILDING NEWS. Plans have been filed with Buildings Superintendent Murphy for a new six-story elevator apartment to be built for the Sheer-Ginsberg Realty Company on 147th street, east of Broadway...

CHURCH NEGLECTS LABOR. Says Yonkers Clergyman, but Catholics Beat Protestants.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 21.—That the church had not taken sufficient interest in the labor problem and had done almost nothing practical work in regard to improving sanitary conditions and obtaining better treatment and better wages...

LUPI MAKES GOOD SPEECH. The entertainment given by the Williamsburg section of the Italian Socialist Federation for the benefit of the Federation's paper "Il Proletario" Saturday evening was a great success and a good sum was realized.

CHRISTMAS EVE. SECOND GRAND ANNUAL FULL DRESS BALL AND CIVIC BALL given by the SOCIALIST PARTY.

EIGHTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, THURSDAY EVE., DECEMBER 24, '08 AT MANHATTAN LYCEUM, 66-68 EAST FOURTH STREET.

CALL FAIR. Organizations Will Please Take Notice. A great fair will be held for the benefit of The Call from April 3 to April 11.

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BEN LEFKOWITZ. 322 1/2 AVENUE C, COR. HOUSTON STREET, N. Y. We Carry a Large Stock of UNION MADE SHOES. Good Quality. Low price. Arch Support Shoes for Aching, Tender Feet and Fallen Insteps.

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Wear the HALA SHOE \$2.50 UNION MADE. F. S. HASLACH, Manufacturer and Retailer of Up-to-Date Footwear. 241 KNICKERBOCKER AVENUE, BROOKLYN.

Socialist Literature Co., 15 Spruce St., N. Y. CHRISTMAS BARGAINS AND NOVELTIES. Complete Assortment of German Radical Literature, in fact, of all German Literature.

German Juvenile Books, handsomely illustrated. Full Stock of English, Socialist and Radical Books SOCIALIST NOVELTIES.

Every one able to read German should order the Socialist Pioneer Almanac, 25c per copy. Handsome illustrations and instructive contents. Socialist Literature Co., 15 Spruce St., N. Y.

GRAND CONCERT AND BALL for the Benefit of the "New York Call" Sustaining Fund. AUSPICES SOCIALIST PARTY BRANCHES OF SOUTH BROOKLYN. TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29th, 1908 AT PROSPECT HALL, Prospect Ave., Near Fifth Ave. SCHAEFER'S ORCHESTRA.

Address by Prof. George E. Kirkpatrick, Vocal and Instrumental Soloists, National Dance by Finnish Branch in Costume, Tableau, Chorus of Nations in Costume.

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SPORTS

"KNOCKOUT" BROWN WON FROM "YOUNG" ALBERT

Manager Billy Newman, of the Long-Acre Athletic Club, had an excellent program billed for last Saturday evening, and the members turned out in force, packing the clubroom to the doors.

MADDEN AND MURPHY NEXT AT NATIONAL

Manager Johnny White, of the National Athletic Club, has signed up Franklin Madden and Tommy Murphy, formerly the "pride of Harlem," but now the "Poo Bah of the Flatbush," for the next ten-round go at the above club.

ERATE MAHMOUT THROWS PARDELLO OUT OF RING

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Yusuf Mahmout, the wrestler, defeated Leo Pardello, of New York, Saturday night in three straight falls in one of the roughest contests ever seen in this city.

DRY DOCK A. C. TO RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Johnny Daly will endeavor to stop Young O'Leary, who is clattering along toward the bantam championship with such a rush that there seems to be few boys left who have any chance of opposing him.

SMALLWOOD AND DOLLANO

Percy Smallwood, the long distance champion runner of Wales, will have a chance to show the American sporting public that he can go the Marathon distance when he meets Dorando Pietri, the Italian Marathon runner, at the St. Louis Coliseum on January 11.

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GARDEN AS JUGGLER IN MASSENET'S OPERA

By HARRY CHAPIN PLUMMER. Some mention has been made in the last year of a proposal to obtain for Oscar Hammerstein the title and decoration of "Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France," in recognition of his successful efforts in advancing the position in this city of opera of the French school.

FLATS AND SHARPS IN THE LOCAL SCALE

At last there has arisen among the Italian musicians now figuring here the American public a performer from the land of Cherubini, of Rossini, of Poncelli, of Spontini, of Verdi, who is true to the greater musical ideals of his fatherland.

SPANISH TENOR ONCE AN ENGINEER

Florence Constantino, the lyric tenor of the Manhattan Opera House, was born in Bilbao on the northern coast of Spain, where for a number of years he was employed as working engineer.

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There is a practical proof of the consciousness of a large body of working people in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Labor Lyceum Association is an organization of working people, mostly of German birth, whose purpose is to own and control a building to be used as headquarters for labor unions, the Socialist party and progressive workingmen's organizations of all sorts.

The Labor Lyceum is a large building, at 89-95 Willoughby avenue. It stands upon which it stands was built for the purpose many years ago by Dr. Franz Gerau, one of the founders of the Socialist movement in this country. The association gathered together pennies and dimes and

dollars till it had enough to provide for the erection of a frame building to serve as a home for the labor movement. Eight years ago that structure was destroyed by fire. Undismayed, the comrades set to work to collect a still larger fund and erect a better building. They accomplished their purpose and replaced the small wooden house with a large and handsome edifice of iron and brick—very part of it constructed by union labor. It is needless to say—with large and small halls and committee rooms for meetings, entertainments and gatherings of every sort, and with restaurant, cafe, gymnasium, bowling alleys and numerous other features which make it the center of the social life of the progressive organized workers of the borough. The Brooklyn Labor Lyceum is a monument to the perseverance and devotion of many thousands of workingmen and women, and their success in maintaining it after it was erected is a demonstration of the practical efficiency of co-operative methods, but is sincerely felt.

As we have said, these comrades are mostly Germans, feeling more at home with their native tongue than with the English language. But first of all, they are class-conscious working people and feel that all working people are their comrades, no matter what their nationality. Although they have a German Socialist daily to support—the "New Yorker Volkszeitung"—and although this is the paper which "most" of them read in preference to any English paper, yet they responded like International Socialists to the call for help in establishing and carrying through to success our

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Form for requesting the Evening Call Pattern Coupon, No. 2572, Dec. 21. Includes fields for Name, Street and Number, City, State, and a note to obtain the pattern above.

NO ENGINE HEADLIGHTS.

Locomotive headlights, as we know them in this country, are practically unknown in Great Britain. We are told by a writer in a recent railway magazine. There are few grade crossings there, and these are well protected, so that the light is not needed as a danger signal, and there is no effort to illuminate the track in front of a train. The situation is not without its advantages. Bright headlights modify or obliterate the feeble colored lights and signals and switches, and they dazzle the eyes of the drivers on passing trains. In this country, the headlight seems to be a necessity. To be effective it should be sufficiently brilliant to illuminate the track for a distance greater than that within which the brakes can stop the train, but it must not be so powerful as to blind approaching train crews and modify the colors of signal lights. It should also be as effective as possible in foggy or snowy weather. The oil lamp hardly meets these conditions: it is too feeble, even with a proper reflector. Electricity is too powerful and has been abandoned by some of the roads that have introduced it. Acetylene, which is now so familiar as an illuminant on automobiles, is advocated by many authorities.—Chicago Tribune.

WAR ON BIRD BUTCHERS.

The appeal of the National Association of Audubon Societies for funds with which to wage war on the bird butchers to the country should meet with hearty response, especially from the farmers, whose annual crop loss from injurious insects, the natural food of birds, is conservatively estimated at \$100,000,000. In many states the laws against the killing of insectivorous birds are practically dead letters, particularly in the Far South, where thousands upon thousands of these birds are slaughtered by pothunters in the winter months and shipped north to tickle ignorant palates under the names of reed and rare game birds.—Washington Post.

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LABOR UNION NOTES.

To Enlarge Union Printers' Home. The International Typographical Union has decided to enlarge and improve the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, Col. James M. Lynch, president of the organization, has issued an appeal to all union printers to contribute toward the fund established for this purpose.

More Union Homes.

It is reported that the international officers of the Journeymen Barbers and the Brotherhood of Teamsters are going to submit to the general membership a proposition of establishing homes for their aged and invalid members. During the A. F. of L. convention Secretary Hughes of the Teamsters, and Secretary Fisher of the Barbers, paid a visit to the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs and made a thorough investigation in order to obtain information about the homes for dissemination among the members of their respective unions. The Union Printers' Home has proven with a grand success that the other international organizations are awakening to the fact that they should provide similar homes for their aged and disabled members.

New A. F. of L. Department.

The "Brauer Zeitung," the official paper of the United Brewery Workers of America, has announced the establishment of a new department in the American Federation of Labor composed of all organizations in the food industry. It points out that much good has resulted from such departments in the metal and building trades.

Railway Department to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, which was instituted at the Denver convention in Chicago on the second Monday in January. At this meeting a constitution and by-laws will be adopted. H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, is chairman of the new department, and P. J. Flannery, president of the International Association of Freight Handlers, is secretary.

Printers Celebrate.

Detroit Typographical Union No. 16 will celebrate Benjamin Franklin's birthday January 18 with a banquet.

More Trouble for Marine Trades.

The executive committee of the United Marine Trades Association met in Detroit last week and outlined plans for next season in dealing with employers. It is proposed to abolish agreements with unions altogether and enforce the open shop. An insurance scheme will be introduced. In case of shipwreck and loss the committee recommends that officers be advanced money to the amount of \$50 and seamen \$30. In case of death or total disability these amounts will be paid to relatives or other beneficiaries: Master, \$500; chief engineer, \$400; first mate, \$250; second engineer, \$250; second mate, \$150; third engineer, \$150; steward, \$150; Able bodied seamen, \$100; ordinary seamen, \$75. Assembly or club rooms are to be established in the large ships, according to the plan. Seamen will pay 8-13 cents a month and officers higher dues. The executive committee will recommend that wages be not reduced—and, of course, not raised, either.

Carpenters Re-elect President.

Returns received at the headquarters in Indianapolis show that William D. Huber, who has been the General President of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners since 1899, has been re-elected for another term. His tenure of the presidency during his membership of the brotherhood has grown from 34,000 to nearly 200,000, and in the same period the funds of the treasury have increased from \$247,600 to \$341,365.39.

Drivers End Split in Chicago.

An circular letter from Chicago to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the United Teamsters of America, after a separation of a half year, during which the bitterest fighting prevailed, have been amalgamated. The break occurred in the Chicago convention in August, 1906, when former President Shea and his followers unseated the New York delegates which opposed his policies. Two months resulted and the seceders organized another organization. Since August peace plans have been on the agenda and the amalgamation in Chicago a few days ago was the result.

Union Picture Operators.

The new union of picture machine operators is starting out right in Cleveland. There are now sixty-five members on the roll. One of the provisions in the organization's proposed constitution calls for a rigid examination of applicants for membership to test their knowledge of the business. Public safety demands that the utmost care be exercised that only competent

operators be employed in the picture shows.

Molders' Union Receipts.

The International Molders' Union reports receipts during the past four years of \$217,863, with expenditures amounting to \$198,152. The death benefits totaled \$50,760.

Glass Workers' Unions Amalgamate.

According to the "Glassworker and Commoner," the National Window and Glass Workers and the Blowers and Gatherers' Association have amalgamated. The latter organization turned all its property over to the national.

A Union's Gratitude.

A striking example of gratitude in a labor union was furnished last week by the conductors and motormen employed on the Yonkers Railroad, when the local union for the first time voted a day's pay from every member. George B. Wray, for many years the leading druggist of Yonkers, who has recently suffered financial reverses. Mr. Wray was one of three citizens who were on strike last year, and obtained such concessions from E. A. Maher, president of the Union Railway, that the strike was settled. Mr. Wray was hard hit by the industrial depression and was forced to withdraw from his business. The trolley men, hearing of this, passed resolutions of sympathy at their last meeting, and also voted a day's pay from each man. The sum thus voted will probably amount to something like \$500.

To Organize Mexican Printers.

In accordance with the decision of the recent convention of the International Typographical Union at Boston, the executive council of that organization appointed Mr. Armand E. Green as agent for the organizing of Cuban, Porto Rican and Mexican. The printers in these countries are underpaid and work long hours, and it is expected that the work of an I. T. U. organizer will do great good.

SOME RECIPES.

Christmas Fruit Cake.

Stir a cup and a half of butter with three cups of brown sugar until light and creamy. Add half a grated nutmeg, a tablespoonful of powdered cinnamon, one teaspoonful each cloves and nutmeg. Dissolve a level teaspoonful soda in a half cup sour cream, stir until it stops curdling, then add to it half a cup of molasses, and add to the other ingredients. Mix well and put in six eggs, beating vigorously between each one. Add a cup of raisins and French chefs knead fruit cake with their hands, for it is too stiff to beat easily, especially when the fruit is added. Now stir in a wine glass grape juice. Sift four cups flour, and add the cake mixture, kneading in all the time. Have ready one pound washed and dried currants, quarter of a pound shredded citron, and an eighth of a pound each candied orange and lemon peel shredded fine. Sprinkle this fruit with two spoonfuls of brandy and mix together before adding to the cake. Add and knead ten minutes longer, then put into two brick shaped bins lined with buttered paper. Place in a moderate oven and bake slowly for three or four hours, thick sweet cream. Let it harden when dropped in cold water, take from the fire and beat with a silver fork until the consistency is very thick cream. Pour in buttered tins and when cool cut in squares. If you lack cream use milk with a piece of butter the size of a small egg.

Christmas Candles.

Grate one pound of maple sugar and add to one cup of cream. Stir until melted on back of stove, then cook until the syrup forms when rolled between thumb and forefinger. Snop in coarse bits two cups butternut meats and scatter thickly over the bottom of the buttered pans. Pour out the candy to the thickness of a third of an inch over the nuts, let it harden a little, then crease into squares with a knife. When cold break into candies.

Maple Cream Candy.

Add to three cupfuls grated maple sugar one cupful thick sweet cream. Boil until it hardens when dropped in cold water, take from the fire and beat with a silver fork until the consistency is very thick cream. Pour in buttered tins and when cool cut in squares. If you lack cream use milk with a piece of butter the size of a small egg.

OUR DAILY POEM

THE PEOPLE'S ADVENT.

By Gerald Massey. 'Tis coming up the steep of Time. And this old world is growing brighter; We may not see its Dawn sublime, Yet high hopes make the heart throb lighter. Our dust may slumber underground When it awakes the world in wonder; But we have felt it gathering round. We've heard its voice of distant thunder. 'Tis coming! Yes, 'tis coming! 'Tis coming now, that glorious time, Foretold by seers and sung in story, For which, when thinking was a crime. Souls leaped to heaven from scaffolds gory. They passed. But lo! the work they've wrought. Now the crowned hopes of centuries blossom; The lightning of their living thought is flashing through us, brain and bosom. 'Tis coming! Yes, 'tis coming! Creeds, empires, systems, rot with age. But the great People's ever youthful; And it shall write the Future's page To our humanity more truthful; The garliest heart hath tender chords To waken at the name of "Brother!" 'Tis coming when these scorpion words Will shall not speak to sting each other. 'Tis coming! Yes, 'tis coming! Out of the light, your Priests, nor fling Your dark, cold shadows on us longer. Aside, thou world-wide curse, called King; The People's step is quicker, strong a divinity within That makes men great if they but will it; God works with all who dares to win, And the time cometh to reveal it. 'Tis coming! Yes, 'tis coming! Freedom! The despots kill thy braves, Yet in our memories live the sleepers; And, though doomed millions feed the reapers, Death's fierce, red-handed reapers, The world will not forever bow To things that mock God's own endeavor. 'Tis coming! Yes, 'tis coming! When flowers shall wreath their sword forever. 'Tis coming! Yes, 'tis coming! Fraternity, love's other name, Dear heaven-connected link of being; Then shall we grasp thy golden dream, As souls full-statured, grown far-seeing; Thou shalt unfold our better part, And in our life-cup yield more honey; Light up with joy the Poor Man's heart, And Love's own world with smiles more sunny. 'Tis coming! Yes, 'tis coming! Ay, it must come! The tyrant's throne is crumbling, with our hot tears rusted; The world earth's mighty have leant on Is cankered, with our best blood crusted. Room for the men of mind! Make way! You robber rulers—pause no longer; You cannot stop the opening day. The World rolls on, the light grows stronger— The People's Advent's coming!

POPULAR READINGS

THE MODERN MURDERER.

By Prof. Edward A. Ross. The modern criminal wears immaculate linen, carries a silk hat and a lighted cigar, and sins with a calm countenance and serene soul, leagues or months from the evil he causes. Upon his gentlemanly presence the eventual blood and tears do not obtrude themselves. Briber and boodler and grafter are often "good men," judged by the old standards. Among the chiefest sinners are now enrolled men who are pure and kind-hearted, loving to their families, faithful to their friends and generous to the needy. How decent are the pale slayings of the quack, the adulterator and the purveyor of polluted waters, compared with the red slayings of the bandit or assassin. What an abyss between the knife play of the brawler and the law-defying neglect to fence dangerous machinery in a mill, or to furnish cars with safety couplers. The prevailing of unsuspecting passengers with "cork" life-preservers secretly loaded with bars of iron to make up for their deficiency in weight of cork, is only spiritually akin to the treachery of Job. The current method of analyzing the property of others are characterized by an indirection and refinement very grateful to the natural feelings.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Malaria is very much less common in Barbadoes than in other West Indian islands; and it has been suggested that this freedom is due to the presence of enormous quantities of the "millions" in the fresh water pools. The little fish are very voracious, and destroy large numbers of the larvae of mosquitoes that spread malaria. The males are about half an inch long, with brilliant iridescent colors, and large black spots on the sides. The females are considerably larger and less highly colored. The London Zoological Garden has acquired a great number of these fish, and it is understood that experiments are to be made with the introduction of these fish into tropical countries where malaria is prevalent.

BACTERIAL INCENDIARIES.

Spontaneous combustion is well known to be the act of micro-organisms. The firing of a haystack is nearly always the work of a bacterial incendiary. Barns, granaries and spinning works have thus been destroyed by fire owing to the active oxidizing powers of micro-organisms. The carefully gathered crop of cotton or hops may fall by the same destructive agencies.—London Lancet

POPULAR READINGS

HE WANTED TO KNOW.

"How do you manage your railroads in this country?" inquired the man from Mars. "In those countries of the old world which I have visited they are owned and managed by the government. "Inasmuch as I have never been abroad," replied the politician, "I must of course conclude that their methods are purely theoretical. We in this country pride ourselves on being practical." "May I ask you to explain" said the man from Mars. "Certainly," replied the politician. "Our practice proceeds on the theory that the government is too poor and too inefficient to own and manage our railroads. Accordingly the work is turned over to private individuals. "And are the individuals trustworthy?" "By no means," said the politician. "We have to appoint railroad commissions to watch them." "The commissions, then, are to be depended upon?" "Not at all. They are watched by the legislatures." "And the legislatures?" "They in turn are watched by the magazines." "Oh, I see; the magazines are the final arbiters. That is very interesting." "No; you are mistaken. The magazines are watched by the people." "Of course. It finally gets back to the people. They act upon the information provided by the magazines. Surely the people do not need watching." "Wrong again. That's where we come in," said the politician proudly, sticking his thumbs in the armpoles of his waistcoat. "We have to watch the people to keep them from watching us." "And how does it all work," inquired the man from Mars. "We are living very easy, thank you," answered the politician.

Our Daily Puzzle.



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THE EVENING CALL

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WORKERS

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WAGES AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

The New York "Times," commenting adversely upon President Gompers' declaration of a year ago that the best way to restore prosperity is to resist the reduction of wage rates in hard times, and upon Mr. Mitchell's more recent declaration that the labor unions have to a very large degree succeeded in doing this very thing, develops a sudden and unwonted sympathy for the men who have lost their jobs and consequently get neither the old rate of wages nor a reduced rate, but no wages at all.

The "Times" admits the truth of Mr. Mitchell's statement that wage rates have been maintained. This is by no means generally true. As a matter of fact, millions of workmen have had their wages reduced by five, ten, or fifteen per cent. during the last fourteen months. But it suits the purpose of the "Times" in the present case to admit the claim, unfounded though it is.

The situation, according to the "Times," is this: Three-fourths of the workmen have continued at work under the relatively high wage rates which had been established during the period of prosperity; the other one-fourth have been thrown out of employment altogether. And then it attacks Messrs. Gompers and Mitchell for their supposed approval of this state of affairs, saying: "They prefer, it seems, that the full wage shall be paid to three-quarters of the wage earners and nothing at all to the other quarter, rather than that all the wage earners should accept some reduction."

This is not fair to Messrs. Gompers and Mitchell. And, what concerns us more, it is entirely false in economic theory.

About once in three months the "Times" feels moved to publish an editorial accusing the Socialists of basing their whole system of economic doctrine on "the exploded wage-fund theory." The accusation is all wrong. The Socialist economists have always rejected the wage-fund theory; the Marxian theory of wages is in complete contradiction to that of the wage fund. Yet here we find the "Times," which loses no opportunity to impute that long discarded economic fallacy of the Socialists, itself tacitly accepting that fallacious doctrine as a basis for its own criticism of the labor leaders.

The old theory was that, at any given time, there is a certain amount of capital available for the payment of wages; that, consequently, the higher the wage rate, the smaller must be the number of workmen employed and, vice versa, the lower the rate of wages, the more workmen could get employment; that this wage fund, so called, is smaller in times of industrial depression than in periods of prosperity; and that, consequently, in a year of hard times, either the rates of wages must be cut down, or the number of men employed must be reduced.

The weakness of this theory was, of course, that it "put the cart before the horse," making the wage rate and the number of men employed depend upon the amount of the "wage fund," instead of making the amount of wages paid depend upon the number of men employed and the rate of wages paid them. These latter factors obviously depend upon other conditions—on the conditions of the market for which commodities are being produced.

The wage fund theory was a very convenient one for the capitalists. It put the workmen always in the wrong. If they demanded higher wages, they were reproached for following a policy which would throw a part of them out of work. If, on the other hand, they complained that many of their number were unemployed, they were told that these could not be given jobs without reducing the wages of all the rest. But, convenient as it was for the employing class, even the capitalist economists have been compelled to abandon the theory, because it was so glaringly inconsistent with the facts that people could not be duped by it after it had been subjected to critical analysis by Marx and other scientific economists.

To show the fallacy of the "Times" writer's criticism of the labor leaders' position, let us, for the moment, admit the facts to be as the "Times" states them—viz., that three-fourths of the workmen are now at work at the old and relatively high wages, and that the other fourth are out of work altogether. For convenience, let us assume that there are fifteen million men at work, getting wages of \$600 a year, making a total wage of \$9,000,000,000, and that there are five millions unemployed.

Now let us suppose that the unions accept the advice offered them by the "Times" and that the wage rate is scaled down to \$450 a year. Does the "Times" ask us to believe that the result would be to put the other five million men to work?

It would be nothing of the sort, and for a very good reason. The manufacturers are not running their factories for the purpose of employing men; they are not even running them for the purpose of producing goods; they are running them for the purpose of producing goods to be sold at a profit; if they turn out more goods than the market can take up at prices profitable to the manufacturers, they will be defeating their own purpose; as soon as they find that they are turning out goods faster than the market demands, they begin to restrict production in order to avoid being compelled to cut prices. And it is to be remembered that the working people constitute a very large part of the market for goods, and that their purchasing power is strictly limited by the amount they receive as wages.

When the wage rate is cut from \$600 to \$450, then, either one or the other of two things must happen: Either the manufacturers will put the other five million men to work, or they will not. If they do not, the amount of goods turned out will remain unchanged; and the amount paid out in wages will be reduced from nine billion dollars to three-fourths of that sum, or six and three-quarter billions; thus the purchasing power of the community will be reduced, and the manufacturers will be confronted with a glut in the market which will make it advisable for them to curtail production in order to avoid the necessity of reducing prices; and, consequently, instead of giving

If We Could Put Them to Work.



DICK, THE "HARMONY" VIRTUOSO.

employment to more men, the wage reduction will tend rather to throw out of work a part of those formerly employed. If, on the other hand, the employers do put the other five million men to work at the new and lower rate, the total amount paid out in wages will be unchanged and, consequently, the purchasing power of the community will be just what it was before; but, the number of producers being increased from fifteen million to twenty million, the amount of goods turned out will be increased by one-third; and thus, again, the manufacturers will be confronted with a glut in the market which will make it advisable for them to curtail production in order to avoid the necessity of reducing prices; and, consequently, the number of men employed will again be cut down, probably to a point still lower than it was at first.

The workmen thus find themselves between the devil and the deep sea; and, for that matter, so do the employers. The conditions of the capitalist system are more powerful than the will of men or of bosses. The depression must run its course, with wage reductions or unemployment or a combination of the two (which is what actually prevails) until the savings of the more fortunate portion of the working class have been swept away and until a sufficient number of the smaller capitalists have been driven into bankruptcy and their property transferred to the hands of their larger competitors, until the concentration of capitalist wealth has been carried to the point where supply and demand again adjust themselves and a new era of capitalist prosperity begins.

Mr. Gompers' theory would be right, so far as it goes—though not going very far—if only it were practicable. A reduction of wage rates does not help to give employment to more men, but rather the reverse. If, in a period of hard times, the unions could maintain prosperity wages for those men who are able to keep their jobs, that would help to ease and shorten the crisis. But the prescription is about as practical as that for catching birds by sprinkling salt on their tails. It is only to a very limited degree and only in exceptional cases that high wages can be maintained during an industrial depression, for the simple reason that the competition of large numbers of unemployed men enables the employers to force down the wages of those who are still employed. That has actually happened during the last year, and on a vast scale. Mr. Mitchell to the contrary notwithstanding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

S. Gustav—You have lost your bet by \$25.000.

S. Schwartzberger—Thanksgiving Day in 1905 was Thursday, Nov. 20.

C. R. T.—Quite true. We looked that up, but found that the steamer Patricia did not arrive at the time indicated.

C. Roger—1. Heidelberg is on the River Neckar. 2. Bregenz is in Austria on the frontier of Bavaria, which is one of the states of the German Empire.

F. B. Decker—So far as we can discover, President James O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists did not stump for Bryan during the recent campaign. His signing of the A. F. of L. campaign circulars as one of the Executive Council of the Federation, seems to have been the limit of his political activity in that direction.

M. H.—We should have been glad to print your letter, had you observed the simple rule observed in all well regulated newspaper offices, that correspondents must give their names and addresses. It is not necessary that the name be published. The editor will always keep the identity of the writer in confidence, if so requested.

M. Aronson—In the "Encyclopedia of Social Reform," edited by W. D. P. Bliss, you will find much material that that name is published. The editor will always keep the identity of the writer in confidence, if so requested.

Professor Pipp—My stock in trade is brains.
Johnny—You've got a funny look.

WAITING FOR HELP.

Sir William Butler says it seems to him that "in the process we develop and encourage good will instead of selfishness."

But that is by no means an Irish trait. It is a human one, and it is found conspicuously in Ireland because—though it may surprise some people to hear it—the Irish have rather more humanity to the square inch than the rest of us.

We are all fond of waiting for one another to help one another. And to give us our due we do help one another.

And in that way the same end is reached as though we helped ourselves, with this ethical advantage, that in the process we develop and encourage good will instead of selfishness.

Self-help is the poorest of all kinds of help. It is the pounding stone of the sausage company that settles some of the questions of the world, but it is the poorest of all kinds of help. It is the pounding stone of the sausage company that settles some of the questions of the world, but it is the poorest of all kinds of help.

BUSINESS VS. LIBERTY.

Mr. Jacob Schiff is of opinion that it does not signify if the two Lithuanians wanted by the Russian government for partaking in the recent revolution are given up, and he disapproves of any agitation for the abrogation of the extradition treaty with Russia under which it is possible for political refugees to be surrendered for falsely alleged criminal offences. Mr. Schiff thinks such an agitation will indispose the Russian government to recognize American passports carried by his Russo-Yiddish speaking countrymen who want to travel in Russia on "business." So it comes to this that Lettish revolutionists and liberty may be handed over by an American government to the Czar's hangman in order that Mr. Jacob Schiff & Co.'s "business" may flourish.—The Gaelic American.

NO NEED TO STEAL.

You say you would not think of touching a penny that did not belong to you?" said the magnate's questioning friend. "Certainly not," answered Mr. Dustin. "You see, I've got the business of the country so systematized that every penny I touch legally belongs to me."—Washington Star.

FEUDAL CHIEFS IN POLITICS.

By ROBERT HUNTER.

We know about as much of the inside workings of national politics as my little lad of four knows of the economy of my household.

He sees the whole thing at work, his active eye watches the events of the day, but he knows nothing. We watch the events of the day and we know nothing.

And he doesn't even know that he doesn't know, and most of us do not know that we do not know.

The other day J. Pierpont Morgan's son-in-law, Herbert L. Satterlee, was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy. For several years Robert Bacon, a close business associate of Morgan, has been Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. It is now rumored that he may be Secretary of State or Secretary of the Treasury.

We know the relation that Hanna bore to big finance and the relation McKinley bore to Hanna.

We know the relation that William C. Whitney bore to high finance and the relation that Cleveland bore to Whitney.

We know the relation that Harrison bears to high finance, and the relation his office boy, Ex-Governor Benjamin E. Odell, bore to Harrison.

We also know that Harriman's of the Pacific Coast has always been friendly to Hearst.

We know the relation that John D. Archbold bears to high finance, and we know the relation that some Senators and Judges bear to John D. Archbold.

A few years ago the New York "Evening Post" wrote an amusing editorial upon the United States Senate. The Chairman of the Senate forgot himself, and instead of recognizing the various Senators, as they arose to

speak, as representatives of the various states, he recognized them as the Senator of the Southern Pacific Railway, the Senator of the Northwestern Railway, the Senator of the Pennsylvania Railway, etc., etc.

A few years ago a young lady was very much interested in the passage of the Pure Food Law. She went to Washington to lobby for them. Her father was a big railway magnate. After she had seen some Congressmen and Senators about the bill, she was told that a certain Congressman would oppose it. "Oh, no, he won't," she said, "I haven't seen him yet, but you know my father owns him."

A few years ago when the President was prosecuting the Northern Securities case, Morgan rushed down to Washington to see the President. He was in a cold sweat of terror for fear that Roosevelt had gotten into the hands of his financial enemies, and was going to use the power of Government to ruin him. He could hardly be induced to believe that Mr. Roosevelt was not the vassal of some rival feudal chief who wanted to destroy Morgan in order to rule in his stead.

These things we know; but knowing these things, how much do we know? Ryan gets hold of the Democratic organization in New York State and Harriman gets hold of the Republican organization in New York State. Between them they own the Government. They are momentarily political and industrial kings to whom all the other feudal lords bend the knee of submission.

Now and then some foolish little financier opposes their will. He doesn't know that he doesn't know until he is handled pretty roughly by the state authorities.

Sometimes one of these little fellows is sent to jail, and the people howl with delight. They think it reform, while, as a matter of fact, it is simply Mr. Ryan and Mr. Harriman crushin' out somebody who has been impertinent.

But of these things, even the best informed know little—the people generally nothing at all. Here and there a newspaper man knows, but he is not allowed to write what he knows.

A few days ago Harriman said before a certain club in New York that some day he might talk. Well, if that day should ever come, the people will have some interesting reading.

X RAYS.

By JOHN M. WORK.

It is to be hoped that the Democratic party will have sense enough to know that it is dead.

The workmen of a number of other countries have already discovered that it is a bad mistake to form political alliances with the old parties. As soon as they began to do so, the old parties began to tumble over themselves to grant concessions.

If the workmen who voted for Bryan last fall had voted the Socialist ticket and boosted the Socialist vote up to a million or two, the publicans and Democrats would have been scared into abolishing the junction abuse and granting numerous other concessions.

It is too late to do that now, but it is the duty of every workman to join the Socialist party organization at once and get ready to do next time.

To do good is the only real success there is in the world. All else is sham, pretense and unreality. It does not matter what money or position a man gains, unless the world is better and humanity higher for his having lived he has been a flat failure.

Says Thomas Carlyle: "If the cause of man, and man's work on God's earth, got no furtherance than the Arabian shift, then no matter how many gold pieces he pocketed, what uproar and blarney he made in this world—he was but a load of useless inanity and futility; at bottom was not at all."

A tombstone in an English churchyard has the following inscription: "Reader, I've left a world to you. In which I had a world to do. In fretting and sweating to get just such another fool as you."

They say that we Socialists intend our views upon other people. We maybe do sometimes, but we can't help it. We know we are right and we know the other fellow is wrong, so we feel it to be our duty to warn him up and put him on the right track.

When the staid lover, Christian, Cyranne de Bergerac, proposed to Roxanna, he merely blurted, "I love you." The girl waited patiently for the rest, but when it did not come she tapped him on the foot and said: "Yes, that's the theme, 'embroider it!'"

A passionate lover does not need to be told to embroider it. He can help doing so. It is only the cold Socialist who never says anything about Socialism, takes little interest in the movement, seldom attends a meeting, and rarely takes a hand in the propaganda work, who can be sure that he is not much of a Socialist.

The Socialist is passionately in love with Socialism. He cannot help trying to spread the truth. He is so sure of it that if he did not find some one else to help, he would surely explode. When you find a Socialist who never says anything about Socialism, takes little interest in the movement, seldom attends a meeting, and rarely takes a hand in the propaganda work, you can be sure that he is not much of a Socialist.

Now that the industrial conditions are ripe for Socialism, it has been noticed everywhere that, other things being equal, the results at election time are almost in exact proportion to the amount of efficient effort put forth by the party membership.

There are lots of good ways of making Socialists. The systematic house to house distribution of Socialist literature is one of the best methods of propaganda yet devised.

In places where these distributions have been made regularly, it has been discovered that the people get so used to seeing the literature that they get the look for it. They get so they must when for any reason it does not come. The results on election day show the good work. It also makes it easier to get subscribers for Socialist papers.

And let me tell you that you get when we Socialists carry the United States will be the day when there is a Socialist paper going in a goodly majority of the alleged homes in the United States.

The literature distributions should be made at regular intervals. The city or town should be divided into each district assigned to a committee to be covered by him or her with letter carrier precision at each distribution.

Single distribution will do some good, but not much. It is the follow up system that counts.

Every successful advertiser will tell you that it is persistent advertisement that gets the results. The same applies here. The distributions should be made at regular intervals. Then they will reach the spot. At each distribution the literature should be placed in every house or apartment in town.

Don't toss it up on the lawn. That would be a waste of time, money and effort.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

The average resistance of the human body from the feet to the hands, when the soles of the shoes are saturated with water and the hands are wet, is about 5,000 ohms, and may be represented approximately by the resistance of a copper wire about one-hundred-and-fifty-fourth of an inch in diameter and 7,710 feet in length.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.



First (anti-suffragist)—The idea of their wanting to be like us; Second (anti-suffragist)—Yes, making themselves nicely ridiculous.—Punch.