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TWO MORE VICTORIES FOR WAIST STRIKERS

Hundred More Victorious Girls Return to Work Today.

WELCOME "PRISONERS" Strikers Released from Workhouse Receive Enthusiastic Reception on East Side.

Two more shirtwaist manufacturers gave in to all the demands of the union this morning. Two hundred more girls will return to work. Shapiro Bros., running a shop under the name of the American Lady Waist Company, 175 Greene street, signed with the union officials yesterday morning. About 150 girls are employed by Shapiro Bros., and it is considered one of the greatest victories of the week.

A Solomon, who owns the Pappy Waist Company, 73 West Houston street, after a long conference with William Malloy and the union officials, gave in to all the demands of the union, and fifty girls will return to work at that shop this morning.

Three girls, shirtwaist strikers who were released from Blackwell's Island yesterday, were given an enthusiastic reception by their fellow workers and their families. A party of fifteen women, in two automobiles, furnished by Miss Millholland, met them at the shore and presented them with flowers. From there they were driven through the shirt manufacturing district, past their own shop, M. Block & Co., 41 East 11th street, down to Terrace Garden, 108 East Broadway, where hundreds of strikers were awaiting their arrival.

The three girls were Monia Milnes, 182 East 2d street; Annie Gussman, 146 Avenue B, and Rosie Shechtman, 152 East 3d street.

Cheer Automobiles.

The approach of the automobiles was a signal for cheers. The three girls were greeted with tears, laughter and kisses. Friends, comrades and sympathizers fell on their necks and almost smothered them with embraces. Questions of all kinds were hurled at them from a hundred mouths, and hundreds of extending arms were eager to shake the hands of the victors.

At 2 o'clock the three headed a procession of several hundred strikers, who marched to the Lapsin Theater, on the Bowery, near Stanton street, where a performance was given for the benefit of the union.

At the first intermission the "ex-prisoners" were taken on the platform and were cheered by the audience. S. Miller, of the executive committee, made an address, in which he said the girls were persecuted, not proscribed, and that they had been made to suffer for no other "crime" than insisting on the right to organize, and he predicted that the organized bosses will never suffer complete failure than the workers refuse to suffer for the right to fight for better conditions.

In conclusion, Miller gave a stirring speech on Ben Hanford, which moved the audience to tears. After he was through the orchestra, led by Nathan Schwartz, played Chopin's "Funeral March," and the thousands, that surrounded the theatre rose en masse, mourning a loss which they knew the whole world felt. As the tunes of the orchestra floated through the building several who knew Hanford personally burst into tears and were wept to the lobby.

The Lapsin company gave the performance gratis, and Mrs. Lapsin, manager of the entire company, and all the players were thanked by Miller, who said that from the very beginning of the strike they showed their sympathy with the strikers by offering the theatre free for afternoon meetings. Cheers and applause greeted these remarks, and the play then went on. The three guests occupying seats in a box.

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MONIA MILNES. One of the Strikers Released from Workhouse.

so many times," she said. "It is not fair that I should receive credit for an incident which many have shared and for which many are ready to suffer, should it be necessary."

"Was it very hard?" Miss Milnes was asked.

She smiled. Miss Milnes is Russian, one of those who are ready to endure much for a principle.

She knows that a fight for rights is met with punishment and that the powers that be are always on the side of the rich. She shrugged her shoulders.

"You wouldn't call this hard?" she asked.

"Of course not. Not when the standard is Siberia and the gallows. Just tell us your experience and we will draw our own conclusions," said the reporter.

"The hardest thing is the personnel, though we were fortunate enough to be confined in one cell. During the meal hour, however, all meet in one dining room and after the meal all are taken to one room until the noon hour expires. It is then that the prisoners talk, and this talk is very unpleasant. About 25 per cent of the prisoners are old drunks and these use language that is not pleasant to hear."

The Prison Routine.

"All rise at six and soon breakfast is served. The meal consists of coffee and bread. The coffee is without milk or sugar. After that each departs to her own work, whatever this may be, and congregates again at 12 o'clock. The dinner consists of vegetable soup, bread, water and a small piece of meat. At 3:30 supper is served. This meal, like the breakfast, consists of bread and black, unsweetened coffee. After this the prisoners are taken to their cells, where they remain until the following morning.

"Yes, we wore the prison garb," said Miss Milnes. In answer to a question, "but we escaped bathing with the others. As a rule all the prisoners, as they are brought in, are taken to a large room and are given a bath and are vaccinated. I walked up to the matron and asked that we be permitted to take our baths separately. This was granted. Yes, of course, we were vaccinated."

Miss Milnes said that though the food tasted well they could not eat it because it is served under nauseating conditions. She described the dining room as being a large room with about fifty benches for tables and as many benches for chairs. Both are equally narrow, the difference being merely in the elevation. Each of the tables accommodated eight women, and during the meal speaking is strictly prohibited. But after the meal the diners are taken to one room and they talk.

"This is one of the most unpleasant periods. There are all kinds of women and it is painful to hear the talk to which some young prisoners are forced to listen. The effect on young girls can easily be imagined."

"Would you call this the most unpleasant feature of the confinement," she was asked.

"No, there is one feature that is too horrible to describe, but I don't care to speak of it."

Miss Milnes blushed, so did her companions. After some coaxing she said that she had referred to the toilet accommodations. These were horrible. Six prisoners in a single cell were given one vessel, which remained there overnight.

Prostitutes Give Advice.

A great number of the prisoners are prostitutes and some of them lectured the strikers for putting up so bold a fight for the union. They did not understand that there was anything worth fighting for in the life of a waist maker.

"It was amusing to see these women look down at us and give us lit-

RAINS AND SNOWS IN STRICKEN PARIS

Communication With Outside World Being Slowly Restored—Suburbs Still Unrelieved.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Rain and snow have fallen for several hours today, reawakening the food fears of the Parisians. There is as yet, however, no real ground for alarm. The floods continue to subside.

Communications are being restored on all sides within the city, although much still remains to be done. It is impossible to say when the d'Orsay and Invalides stations will be reopened, as they will need complete renovation. Traffic on the Lyons-Orleans Railway may be resumed in a week.

Section after section of the Underground Railway is reopening, but it will perhaps be six weeks before the whole line can be used. The other railways, except the Northern, are still much disorganized. The telegraph lines are yet in poor shape, and messages are greatly delayed.

Except for the distribution of food, the distress in the suburbs is still unrelieved. The water there is still deep in the houses and factories, and work cannot be obtained, while access from Paris is also very difficult.

The Prefect of Police has forbidden the throwing of confetti during the carnival celebrations next week, lest it block the sewers. Anybody who has seen the amazing quantity of confetti strewn in fete times on the boulevards and left to be washed into the drains by scavengers will not wonder at the police order. Some of the newspapers are urging that the carnival celebrations be abandoned, and that the money ordinarily spent on them be devoted to the sufferers.

The greatest enemy is being shown by the Health Department with the view to forestalling an epidemic. Many tons of disinfectants have been distributed already, and the work continues ceaselessly.

John Burns, president of the British local government board, before starting for England today, said he was convinced there would be no epidemic because in addition to the sanitary precautions there was great safety in the amount of water the Seine carries, which washes away infectious deposits.

The government will apply to parliament for much larger appropriations. The first grant already has been absorbed. A partial indication of the commercial losses can be obtained from the fact that one wine merchant lost \$5,000 gallons of wine, which was washed into the Seine from bonded warehouses at Bergerie.

BOLD ROBBER CAUGHT

Police Capture Man Who Snatched Diamond Pin from Pedestrian.

A highway robbery in broad daylight at Eighth avenue and 23d street yesterday afternoon attracted a large crowd and resulted in the arrest of James Burke, who is eighteen years old and comes from Canada.

Burke was walking on the sidewalk and stopped for a moment on the corner. Two men sneaked up behind him. One of them plucked his arms to his sides and the other snatched a diamond pin from his necktie. Burke was the snatcher.

Routhfus broke away, yelled and ran after Burke. Traffic Policeman Lenahan saw the commotion, and, joining the chase, caught the thief in the cellar of a saloon at 23d street and Ninth avenue. The pin was found on the floor.

DELIVERERS WILL DANCE.

Men Who Distribute Newspapers to Hold Benefit for Sick.

Next Sunday night, at Grand Central Palace, newspaper and mail deliverers who handle the product of all the great metropolitan dailies, Sunday and evening newspapers will hold their tenth reception and ball for the benefit of their sick and mortuary department.

The report of the secretary-treasurer for the last year shows to what extent the constant wear and tear tells upon the deliverers' physical condition. Out of the 1,250-odd members last year no less than 245 men were on the sick list, of which number seventy-one were the results of accidents while in the performance of their duties, and eighteen members were called to their final reward during the same period.

LAUNDRY WORKER INJURED.

His left arm getting caught in the mechanism of a steam wringing machine in Taaffe's laundry, at Concord and Liberty streets, Peter Flier, twenty-one years old, of 51 Concord street, lost the limb by amputation above the elbow. Dr. Isquith removed the patient to the Brooklyn Hospital.

CITY EMPLOYEES MUST WORK.

Employees of the commissioners of accounts offices are wearing long faces to-day because Commissioner Raymond D. Poedick has increased their working period from 9 until 6 o'clock from 9 until 5. Notice was posted yesterday and the ninety-six clerks, accountants, engineers and office boys read it.

PRINTERS WIN STRIKE

Got 5 Per Cent Wage Increase After Fourteen Weeks' Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Four hundred members of the Tapestry Carpet Printers' Union have been granted an increase of 5 per cent in wages, to take effect as soon as they return to work, by the six manufacturers of tapestry-woven carpets in Philadelphia. The carpet printers have been on strike fourteen weeks.

The meeting between the manufacturers and the striking printers was held last night and also brought together the manufacturers and a committee of the Tapestry Carpet Weavers, Workers and Setters' Union, Philadelphia Local No. 2, in an attempt to adjust differences which have arisen between them.

After a vain attempt to effect a settlement with the manufacturers looking to an increase of 5 per cent, in wages the union decided to hold a mass meeting, calling out its entire membership, about 1,100 workers.

USED "SLUSH FUND" TO BRIBE OFFICIALS

\$850,000 Railroad Company Seeks to Recover Was Spent in Corrupting Illinois Authorities.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Sensational charges that the \$850,000 which the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad is attempting to recover was a "slush fund" used for the bribing of state and city officials were made today following an announcement by State Attorney Weaver that he will not seek indictments of the three men the road holds responsible for the loss of the money.

It is promised by friends of the trio that proof of the "slush fund" charges will be adduced at the proper time. Meanwhile they are denied by counsel for the railroad.

Benjamin Thomas, former president of the road; John G. Fetzer, real estate man, and Charles R. Kappas, the road's former real estate agent, are accused in the bill which the road has filed in the circuit court of charging the road fictitious prices for real estate.

TELL TRUST SECRETS

Employee Discloses Methods of Meat Combine to Grand Jury.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Secrets of the beef trust have been revealed to the federal grand jury by former employee who are disgruntled and willing to tell all they know, it was said today.

Judge Landis issued an order putting the "lid" on the investigation even more tightly and forbidding the giving out of the names of any of the witnesses. As a result the number of secret service men in the Federal building was doubled.

It was learned that William R. Modenas, a special assistant to Attorney General Wickersham, who came to Chicago with Wade M. Ellis and returned to Washington, had gathered important evidence in New York.

IDENTIFY SLAIN MAN

Killed By Car During Tussle with Guards.

The body of the man who was killed under a car at the B. R. T. Fort Hamilton avenue and 37th street station, Brooklyn, on Monday, after a tussle on the platform with two train guards, was identified yesterday as Robert Carr, a watchman at the Newcastle stables, at Gravesend track.

Carr was identified by Patrick J. Ryan, a fellow employe of the stable. He said Carr left the track Monday for the Bronx to visit two sisters. Carr was at all times sober, said Ryan, who had not seen him take a drink in the year in which they worked together.

JACK JOHNSON SUED.

Man Whom He Injured Demands \$20,000 Damages.

Jack Johnson, the prize fighter, who is matched to fight Jim Jeffries, appeared in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday and pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging him with assault in the second degree.

Johnson is accused of having committed an assault on Norman Pinder on January 19 last in a saloon in West 35th street. Bail was fixed at \$2,500.

As Johnson was leaving the Criminal Courts Building papers for \$20,000 were thrust into his hands. When he saw the nature of the papers he threw them on the floor. The process server warned him that judgment would be taken against him by default, as he had been legally served. Johnson's counsel picked up the papers and accepted service in the suit for the pugilist.

WOMEN CLASH OVER SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Collectivist Society Hears Suffragists, Anti-Suffragists and Socialists Discuss Extension of Franchise.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, leader of the conservative international suffrage forces, sprung a surprise on the Socialists at a dinner of the Collectivist Society in Kall's restaurant last night by making what she termed a gentle attack upon the Socialist party of this and other countries. Mrs. Catt's fire, aimed chiefly at the men Socialists who have votes, and the inferences which she left in the minds of her hearers provoked much discussion after the dinner.

The theme of the after dinner speeches was woman suffrage, and the audience numbered about two hundred and fifty. There were six speakers, representing the suffragists, the anti-suffragists and the Socialists, two representing each point of view. Mrs. Anita C. Black presided. The speakers were Miss Ida Raub, suffragist and lawyer; Alexander Harvey, associate editor of Current Literature and rabid anti-feminist; Mrs. Meta L. Stern, Socialist; Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, suffragist; Mrs. Gilbert E. Jones, anti-suffragist, and Mrs. Carrie W. Allen, Socialist.

SEEK GOOTMAN SLAYER

Suspicious Characters Thought to Be Guilty Once Held by Police.

Another man suspected of the murder of Moses Gootman, at 16 East 109th street, last Sunday morning, is in custody at Mineola, L. I. He is a man of short stature, stoutly built and answers in every way the description of the murderous burglar as furnished by Isaac, the son of the man who was killed.

The Mineola suspect was arrested at Port Washington. He had a revolver and was under the influence of liquor. Sheriff Foster says the suspect gives the name of John Ward and refuses his address. He admits he was in this city last Saturday and Sunday and says he does not know how he got to Port Washington.

Thomas Valenti, another suspect, was taken to Harlem Hospital yesterday in order that Isaac Gootman, who is recovering from his wounds, might have a chance to look at him.

When the detectives arrived at the Harlem Hospital with Valenti they were told that Isaac Gootman had been removed last night to a private sanitarium. The name of this sanitarium was given to the police, who took their prisoner there, but was withheld from reporters. At the Gootman residence it was said that Captain Bennett had ordered the family and servants to give out no information.

Valenti was picked up by Detectives Allen and McGowan, who say he has pawned jewelry which was stolen from the apartment of Henry Bernstein, No. 17, West 11th street, the night of January 20.

TOLER DROWNS SELF

Christian Science Brother Who Tried to Annex Harlem Jumped from Island.

Henry Pennington Toler, once a leader in the First Church of Christ Scientist, jumped into the East River from Ward's Island on Tuesday and was drowned in Hell Gate. Toler, who was the originator of the scheme known as the "Harlem heirs," by means of which many persons were induced to believe that they would become rich when the courts had awarded them the property of a large number of other persons in Harlem; has been an inmate of the insane asylum on the island since last July. His idea was said yesterday that before Toler was sent to Bellevue for examination last summer he had attempted to jump out of a window at the Hotel Bellevue.

Toler gave \$50,000 toward the erection of the First Church of Christ Scientist, at Central Park West and 96th street, and sacrificed a good part of his fortune in the cause. He was at one time a prosperous stock broker and a partner of C. D. Halse, with whom he had roomed, but about six years ago his wife got a separation. Toler embraced the Christian Science in 1901, sold his seat on the Stock Exchange for \$25,000 and soon was interesting himself in the plan to get most of Harlem for the church.

NO AUTHORITY FOR BALLINGER.

Secretary of Interior Cannot Withdraw Public Lands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The senate committee on public lands today declined to confer on Secretary of the Interior Ballinger the authority he asked for in a special bill prepared by him and sent to the senate to be passed authorizing him to make withdrawals of public lands from all forms of entry or disposition in the interest of conservation.

The committee did report a substitute vesting the power in the President, but requiring the President to report withdrawals to Congress promptly.

CAR RUNS INTO CARRIAGE.

Interrupts Funeral Procession by Wrecking Vehicle.

A Lexington avenue trolley car crashed into a carriage in the middle of a funeral procession at Lexington avenue and 58th street, yesterday, and Henry Reiney, of No. 942 West 38th street, driver of the carriage, was cut and bruised about the arms. The occupants of the carriage were slightly cut by flying glass and were badly shaken up.

Many women and children on the car became frightened and there was a great deal of excitement. The horses attached to the carriage started to run after the collision, but a policeman stopped them before they had gone half a block.

FAST FOLLOWING MINE EXPLOSIONS SLAY 29

Including Cherry Disaster 600 Killed in Last Three Months.

HOLOCAUST IN MEXICO

News of Another Horrific Casualty Fore Primer and Drakeborn Have Recovered Their Dead.

THE DEAD.

Cherry	20
Primer	12
Los Esperantes	10
Drakeborn	15
Hartonsville	13

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 2.—Patches received here late this morning say that fifty-two men were killed and six others injured in a mine explosion at Los Esperantes, Mexico. The mine is the property of the Los Esperantes Mining Company and a number of explosions have occurred there in the past. The cause of the accident is stated in the dispatches received as "other information is yet obtainable."

PRIMERO RAISES DEAD

Heartrending Scenes at Mine Where Explosion Killed 120.

PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 2.—An avoidable accident" is the verdict expected from the coroner's jury investigating the explosion which killed 120 men in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's mine here. "There is little on which to base a verdict," said State Mine Inspector Jones, who worked continuously for more than twenty-four hours, says that he found no explanation for the disaster. Three theories have been advanced regarding the cause of the disaster: those who defend the company, the case of giant powder was accidentally set off; that one of the miner's lamps was accidentally broken, causing a gas explosion; that one of the fanatic Koreans, who believe there is set time for every man's death, ignored the company's rules and lighting for a cigarette, causing a match in one of the gas-filled chambers.

At noon today fifty-two bodies were recovered. Rescuers expect bringing all of these to the surface before tonight. The surviving inhabitants of the little mining town have begun preparations for the burial of their dead.

At Trinidad, color later today or tomorrow, there will be a common funeral of the seventeen Mexican victims who the rites of the fraternal organizations in which they belonged.

The Mexican victims will be buried here in the little cemetery behind the Roman Catholic Church. It is predicted that the Koreans will also be buried in Primero, but before they are consigned to their graves, photographs will be taken of each to be sent to the Orient, where each had a wife or parents, awaiting their return from the "land of God's promise."

More names may be added to the list of victims of the disaster. Many of the families of miners may look their lives in the explosion, and some may become orphans.

The most pitiful spectacle of the night was the grief of Mrs. Jack Hopkin, aged woman, whose son was last in mine. All through the night she sat her lonely vigil. One by one the men about here shut away to their homes, but all night long the one woman packed and forth outside the steel gates at the main entrance, moaning "my man! my man! Why don't they let me see my man?"

A blizzard, which struck the scene at midnight, added to the suffering of the watchers crowded about the tunnel entrance.

No one holds out hope today that any of the men will be brought alive, but the men say that until they see the dead bodies of all the men known to have been in the mine they will not stop the work of rescue. The mine, led the first rescue party into the mine, after being carried out unconscious from the long exposure to the gases gathered in the tunnels.

One of the pathetic figures at the mine today was Miss Antonietta King, who was engaged to J. W. King, a young electrician of the mine. King is a school teacher at Superior, half a block.

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company's camp, six miles below... wedding was to have taken place in June.

33 DEAD IN KENTUCKY

All Bodies but Two Recovered at Browder Mine. DRAKESBORO, Ky., Feb. 2.—Thirty-three dead, two missing and half a dozen injured, one fatally, completes the list of casualties in the explosion at the mine of the Elk Valley Coal Company, at Browder, near here, late yesterday.

CONVENTION ACTS

United Mine Workers Appropriate \$1,000 for Drakesboro Relief. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 2.—Following the receipt of a telegram from the Secretary of the United Mine Workers of America in the Kentucky district, reporting that thirty miners had been killed and that four were missing as the result of the explosion in the mine of the Elk Valley Coal Company, at Browder, a resolution appropriating \$1,000 for the relief of the families of the victims was adopted at the convention here today.

TWO MORE VICTORIES FOR WAIST STRIKERS

(Continued from Page 1.) tie sermons on the value of life and the ethics of living. They did not understand what there was in shirtwaist making worth fighting for and why pretty girls should be 'fools' enough to suffer as we do. Some of the girls, however, are very intelligent, and those who read receive by mail good books which they seem to enjoy greatly.

110 BARELY ESCAPE

Two Men Die in Mine at Bartonsville While Others Are Off Shift. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—At Bartonsville, where a fire broke out in the mine yesterday, only two were overcome and none was killed; but a mere chance saved them.

RENEW CHERRY SEARCH

200 Bodies Still to Be Removed from Rescued Mine. CHERRY, Ill., Feb. 2.—The first of the bodies which have lain in the underground passage of the St. Paul mine for nearly three months was

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found today. It will be taken out tonight. The body was found on the second level at the edge of the shaft. The miner evidently ran toward the shaft when the fire in the mine broke out on November 13 and was overcome by noxious gases.

Workers at the mine resumed their efforts at daybreak to clear the shafts and upper vein of the noxious gases which prevented them yesterday from bringing forth any of the 240 bodies remaining in the mine. Before the men arrived many women were at the mouth of the shaft. A large number of deputies were assigned today by Sheriff Skegund to preserve order among the crowd that increased steadily as the morning wore on.

It is feared that the long-pent-up grief of the people of Cherry may start a riot when the first bodies are brought to the surface, owing to the frightful condition in which it is believed the remains of the victims will be found.

Will Reno, the cager, colored, was found dead at the bottom of the shaft, and it is not known whether he was killed while trying to reach his cage and take the miners to safety or whether he was blown there by the force of the explosion. The rescuers worked steadily all through the day and night. As each dead body was brought to the surface the crowd around the shaft pressed eagerly forward to see if any of their loved ones had been rescued, most of the victims being married men with families.

Mamie Tang, a striker, and Philip Abelson, a scab of Danbosky Bros., arrested on the charge of fighting, were both discharged by Magistrate Cornell in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday.

Dora Meyerson, a striker from Propp & Garrick, was charged with interfering with a scab and held under \$300 bonds for good behavior for three months by Cornell.

Louis Freidlander and Isaac Meltaer, strike sympathizers, charged with assaulting Oscar Teitelbaum, a scab of Shapiro Bros., were held under \$500 bail for Special Sessions by Magistrate Herbert in the Essex Market Court.

The thugs of the Triangle Waist Company are still busy making arrests on flimsy charges. Early yesterday morning in the Night Court, Magistrate Moss fined Frank Barsky \$3, Becky Schneider \$10, Frank Kershonian \$3, Yetta Haselgratz \$3, and Anna Larbeit \$3, all arrested in front of the Triangle shop, on the charge of yelling.

A ball will be given this Friday night for the benefit of the strikers of the Triangle Waist Company at Apollo Hall, 126 Clinton street. The girls have been out over twenty weeks and deserve the aid of all strike sympathizers. Tickets may be purchased at Clifton Hall or at the Apollo Hall, or the night of the ball.

There will be a ball tonight for the benefit of the strikers of the Princess Shirtwaist Company at the New Majestic Hall, 166 Forsyth street, and a big crowd is expected.

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RETAIL CLERKS' UNION WINS LONG STRUGGLE Employers' Association Broken Up by the Surrender of Five Ridge Street Bosses. After a hard fight with the Ridge street retail dress goods storekeepers, which lasted for eighteen weeks, the Dress Goods Clerks' Union has succeeded in breaking the ranks of the bosses' association, five of the storekeepers leaving the association and signing an agreement with the union conceding all demands of the strikers.

Those that settled with the union yesterday are: Spector Brothers, 155 Ridge street; Cirkuu, 164 Ridge street; A. Wechter, 50 Ridge street; Rogoff Brothers, 160 Ridge street, and Harris Brothers, of 154 Ridge street. The latter are brothers of A. Harris, a member of the firm of the Triangle Waist Company, and they tried to adopt the same methods as their brothers, by "starving the strikers into submission," but, being unable to secure scabs and suffering continuous loss of customers on account of being an unfair store, they were compelled to surrender.

Out of the 260 clerks that struck eighteen weeks ago there are still sixteen on strike, the rest all having returned to work under union conditions. Four of the five scabs employed by the Novelty dress goods store, of Hester and Forsyth streets, deserted the store yesterday and came to the union office, at 117 Ridge street, and joined the strikers.

B. Marcus, of the firm of Marcus Brothers, remains in the presidential chair, with six members surrounding him, the rest of the bosses' having the association. Jacob Seville, ex-president of the union, who was recently beaten up by thugs in the employ of the bosses, and who was confined to bed for four weeks; A. Butler, for eight years secretary of the union, and J. Brustein have opened a store at the former headquarters of the strikers, at 141 Ridge street, and signed an agreement with the union, pledging themselves to employ union help.

They resigned from the union, and were made honorary members of the organization. The agents of the bosses' association tried to stop their credit, saying that they must first by running a strict union store, paying high wages for short working hours. The pickets on duty at the struck stores yesterday wore big white ribbons across their chests, reading, "Pickets—Patronize union stores displaying union signs in their windows." The scab stores are all deserted, and it is expected that by the end of the week they will all surrender. To celebrate the victory the union has arranged for a matinee performance, which will take place next Tuesday at the Grand Music Hall, Grand and Orchard streets.

STABBED IN QUARREL 17-Year-Old Boy Seriously Injured in Fight. In an altercation yesterday John Sanders, seventeen years old, of No. 337 East 125th street, was stabbed twice in the left breast, apparently with a pocket knife.

AWAIT MINERS TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 2.—That the joint conference of miners and operators of the central competitive field will be postponed until the miners settle their factional quarrels is threatened today by the operators in session here.

COHEN HELD IN BAIL. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Ferdinand F. Cohen, the Bellevue-Stratford waiter, with whom Roberta de Janon eloped a month ago, was before Judge Staake today in habeas corpus proceedings.

DAINTIEST WOMEN use this tea. Its perfect cleanliness is guaranteed by the sealed packet, which excludes all impurities and dampness. White Rose Ceylon Tea A 10c. Package Makes 40 Cups

HOLLAND LOSES ONE OF HIS CITY JOBS Tommany Labor Man Illegally Got \$100 a Month as Inspector While on Board of Education. It was learned yesterday that one of the corporation inspectors dropped by George McAneny, Borough President of Manhattan, was J. P. Holland, a prominent figure in the Central Federated Union and labor member of the Board of Education.

Holland served as inspector for the New Amsterdam Gas Company. His "regular" business is that of walking delegate. Apparently his holding of two city offices was a violation of the charter, section 1661 of which says: "Members of the Board of Education shall serve without pay and shall hold no office of emolument under the county, State or municipal government except the offices of notary public or commissioner of deeds or offices in the National Guard."

While corporation inspectors are paid by the companies whose work they oversee, they are appointed by the borough presidents, and are regarded as being city employees, inasmuch as they are supposed to protect municipal interests. Holland's address as a corporation inspector was given as 158 East 27th street, which, according to the records of the Board of Education, is his place of business. He lives at No. 149 Mezerole avenue, Brooklyn, representing a section of that borough in the board.

Says Was Political Blackmail. Borough President McAneny declared yesterday that corporation inspectors as a political asset had been abolished in Manhattan.

THE FLOOD. "The flood," declared the Cardinal, "is deplorable, and I see that, in spite of the lowering of the waters, the situation is not materially improved. We cannot question God's decrees nor sit in judgment upon the afflicted; but surely this national disaster should have the effect of making the French people think of what they have done to the religious communities."

ITALIAN MURDERED Slayer, Chased by Woman and Police, Escapes. An Italian was shot dead in West Broadway last night by a man who sheltered himself behind an elevated pillar. The murderer escaped, after being chased some distance by an Italian woman, who says that she does not know whether the dead man is his assailant.

WOMEN CLASH OVER SUFFRAGE QUESTION (Continued from Page 1.) among them Keir Hardie and Philip Snowden supported the demand of the women for the extension of the suffrage to women on the same basis that men now have it.

COATES RESIGNS PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 2.—M. Coates, who for the past fifteen years has been the general manager of the P. Coates Company, Limited, of this city, has handed in his resignation. Some of the heads of departments of the concern were informed of his resignation on Monday, and this morning Coates affirmed the report. He stated that he had no special plans for the future, but that he would probably have leisure, giving the impression that he would retire from active business.

WALLS PIN WORKERS Collapse of Dismantled Warehouse Deals Death Second Time. CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—One man was instantly killed and three were temporarily buried in a collapse of the inner walls and floors of a Freiberger whiskey warehouse, which street, to-day. One of the latter, unidentified, died a few hours later, and carried the whole weight of the building with it. John Smith, twenty-one, of Jackson street, was man killed instantly. Each man employed of the rigging company had risked his life many times in Freiberger building. His feat in pulling a rope to the top of the wall, directly after the last disaster was national in the extreme.

"Harlem's Busiest Dry Goods Shop" Week End Specials. Suits After stock-taking of all colored suits. General clearance at 12.98. Waists—Special sale after stock-taking. 95c. Skirts—Children's heavy muslin, ruffle trimmed with cluster tucks, sizes 4-14 years. Value 25c. Rompers—Children's heavy muslin, white, blue, white checks, sizes 1-6 years. Value 49c. Men's Neckwear—All shades, fancy and plain, with fold four-to-hand; 500 dozens to select from. No more than 3 to a customer. Value 50c-75c. Men's Hosiery—M. & C. turtleneck, fancy line, imported half hose. All new designs. Value 25c-35c. Portieres—Tapestry in two feet, fringed top and bottom. Value \$1.25, pair... 69c. Curtains—Old pairs, slightly worn, 2-1/2 yards long. Value \$1.50, pair... 69c to 3.00 a pair. Boys' Russian Suits—Suits 1-2 to 6, in gray or brown, fancy chevrons. Value 1.49. Boys' Suits—Double breasted, excellent material, 2 1/2 to 6, and workmanship. Value 3.98. Boys' Overcoats—2 1/2 to 6, mostly all button in both styles. Guaranteed strictly all wool. Value \$5.98... 3.98. Boys' Knick'or Pants—Cut from remnants of best wool. Value 59c.

WOMEN CLASH OVER SUFFRAGE QUESTION (Continued from Page 1.) Mrs. Catt also said that she had questioned the leaders of the women's movement in twenty-two nations, and in all the Socialists had failed to support the women at a crucial moment, she said.

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WAIST MAKERS' STRIKE A SOUVENIR HISTORY BENEFIT. A booklet describing the events as they took place, an interesting and valuable for condensed data. Price 10 cents. The proceeds support the girl strikers. On sale at the Women's Trade Union League, Rand Union Office, Clifton Hall, office of The Forward and The N.Y.

HEIKE'S PLEA IS HELD AS GUILTY

Heike, secretary of the Sugar Refining Company, appeared in court yesterday in support of his claim to immunity from prosecution on the indictment charging him and five other employees of the sugar trust with conspiracy against the government.

CAR MEN ORGANIZE

Trolley and Elevated Workers Secretly Joining Union No. 524. Street and elevated railroad employees of Manhattan and Brooklyn have received a charter for a local union from President William D. Mahon of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railroad Employees.

COMMISSION FAVORS INTERSTATE BRIDGE

Recommends Span 1,400 Feet Long, From 179th Street to the New Jersey Shore. ALBANY, Feb. 2.—Recommendations for the building of a bridge over the Hudson river at 179th street to a point opposite on the New Jersey shore is made by the interstate bridge commission in its report submitted to the legislature today.

ANTIS CALL ON GOV.

Society Opposed to Woman Suffrage See Hughes. ALBANY, Feb. 2.—Governor Hughes received a delegation of representatives of the State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage today, including Mrs. Fritz Achelt, of New York, chairman of the association.

WAIST STRIKE LIKE STEEL TRUST WAR

Samuel Gompers Compares Conditions and Struggles of Workers in Two Industries. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A sharp excoriation of the United States Steel Corporation and an article lauding the shirtwaist strikers of New York are among Samuel Gompers' editorials in the February issue of the Federationist, published today.

C. F. U. INDORSES STRIKE

Will Aid Drivers Locked Out by the McDermott Dairy Company. The Central Federated Union, at its last meeting, indorsed the strike of 100 milk drivers, who were locked out, about two weeks ago, by the McDermott Dairy Company.

ROCKEFELLER DONATE

Gives Large Amounts to Various Educational Institutions. A seventh annual meeting of the Rockefeller fund for general educational gifts, 5 West 57th street, these conditional grants and appropriations were made to five colleges and two universities.

LEGAL NOTICES

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. In the County of New York, the will of Frederick Dornmann, late of the County of New York, deceased, was admitted to probate on the 15th day of January, 1910.

ALLDS' ANSWER READY

May File Denial of Conger's Charge of Grafting Today. ALBANY, Feb. 2.—Senator Allds' attorneys to-night agreed upon the answer to be made to Senator Conger's charge that Senator Allds demanded and received \$1,000 for refraining from pressing certain legislation while an Assemblyman in 1901 and that Senator Conger saw a third party deliver this money to Senator Allds.

MAY CLAIM ALASKA

Canada Charges Russia With Having Stolen Northern Territory. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—According to a statement made in the Senate today by Senator Poirier, recent revelations indicate that Russia stole Alaska and the Pacific Coast line from Canada.

EVALENKO TRIAL ON

Result of Charges Against Alleged Russian Spy to Be Made Public. The committee that is investigating the charges against A. Evalenko, who is accused by Vladimir Burtzef, the noted Russian, of being in the employ of the czar and spying on the people who are active in the revolutionary movement, met last night.

AULD ON STAND

Denies That He Struck Cowles at the Naval Ball. BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Paymaster George P. Auld, U. S. N., was the chief witness heard today at the navy court-martial before which Auld is being tried on complaints made by Edward S. Cowles, who affixes a "Dr." to his name, but who has never passed the examination of the State Board of Registry in medicine for permission to practice.

FOR POSTAL SAVINGS

Senator Carter Defends Bill Against Roaring Attack of Heyburn. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A brisk debate on the postal saving bank bill that afforded much amusement to Senators was the closing feature of the session in the senate today.

FOUR GIANTS SIGN

New York Stars Ready to Start Spring Practice. The signed contracts of Catcher Schiel, First Baseman Merkle, Pitcher Marquard and Outfielder Herzog were received by the New York National League Club yesterday.

FORGER SENTENCED

Son of Alton B. Parker's Former Partner Sent to Sing Sing. Frederick J. Brenner, twenty-two years old, son of ex-Mayor W. T. Brenner, of Kingston, N. Y., who was at one time the law partner of Judge Alton B. Parker, was sentenced to three years and three months in Sing Sing by Justice Goff in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday.

ASTOR REPORT REJECTED

Appraisal of Estate Deemed Not Satisfactory by Surrogate Court. Surrogate Coblan refused yesterday to sign an order fixing the transfer tax on the estate of Mrs. Caroline W. Astor on the report of Transfer Tax Appraiser James Yereance until the appraisal had been made more definite and certain.

DETECTIVE FOR GAYNOR

Patrolman John J. McKittrick of the old West 20th street station, who never did any detective duty in his life, according to Police Commissioner Baker, was made a first-grade detective yesterday, at a salary of \$1,250 a year and assigned to the Mayor's office.

INVESTIGATE COST OF LIVING

Senate May Act Upon Increased Price of Necessities. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate is going to appoint a committee to delve into the subject of the increased cost of living.

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Equitable Phonograph Co. 108 Delancey St., near East 1st St., Tel. Orchard 4247. Open Even. and Sunday.

MEAT PRICES TO SOAR

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 2.—Ferdinand Sulzberger, of the Swarcchild & Sulzberger Packing Company, to-night said prices of meats are to go higher for the next six months.

WAGE WORKERS WHO UNDERSTAND SOCIALISM

Means are usually available. Better look into the question for yourself. Write your address on the lines provided, send us the coupon with 25 cents, and you will get a beautiful program illustrating the principles of Socialism which will help you decide very quickly which side you are on.

SUNDAY CALL CLUBBING OFFERS

Table listing subscription rates for The New York Sunday Call and The Social Democratic Herald. Includes rates for one year, six months, and three months, with and without postage.

AUDITORS REMOVED

City Employees Who Refused to Resign Forced Out. Twelve auditors who had refused to resign were removed yesterday by Comptroller Prendergast.

BOY KILLED BY CAR

Falls on Tracks and Forward to Crush Out His Life. Christopher Fitzgerald, of No. 31 St. Ann's avenue, was run over and killed by a Southern Boulevard car yesterday afternoon while on his way to Public School No. 10, Cypress avenue and 134th street.

Call Advertisers' Directory. CONVENIENT FOR THE READER. PROFITABLE FOR THE ADVERTISER. Rates for the Call Advertisers' Directory—One line for three consecutive months, daily and Sunday, \$1; each additional line at the same rate.

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MUSIC

MAUD ALLAN'S DANCES.

Depending solely upon the artistic completeness of her performance and without the pictorial aid of a mise-en-scene, Miss Maud Allan appeared in a matinee performance of classic dances in Carnegie Music Hall yesterday afternoon...

MUSICAL EVENTS TO-DAY.

Carnegie Music Hall. Seventh avenue and 57th street. 8.15 p. m. concert by Philharmonic Society of New York...

New Theatre. Central Park West. 8.15 to 9.30 p. m. "Manon." 4-act French lyric opera, music by Jules Massenet...

MOSES HARMAN DEAD

Veteran Editor of Lucifer Passes Away in Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 2.—Among the papers of Moses A. Harman, who died here last week...

His death was not unexpected. Harman served several jail sentences for his ideas, his paper, Lucifer, afterwards being persecuted without legal cause by officials in the postoffice department...

Telegraphic Briefs

12,587,079 Catholics in United States. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 2.—There are 22,587,079 Catholics under the United States flag...

To Regulate Vivisection. ALBANY, Feb. 2.—Regulations relating to vivisection are made more stringent in a bill introduced to-day in the Assembly by Murray, of New York...

Wants Motherhood Taught. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 2.—Iowa girls will be taught scientific motherhood in the public schools when they are ready to enter the seventh or eighth grade...

Celebrates His 105th Birthday. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 2.—Born in Ireland 165 years ago, James Gallagher, of Ebensburg, to-day celebrated his birthday...

Two Motormen on Each Train. ALBANY, Feb. 2.—A bill by R. H. Clarke, of Brooklyn, proposes to require elevated and subway railroads in cities of the first class to employ two motormen on each electric train.

To Test Law on Bread Price. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 2.—In conformity of the resolution adopted by the executive committee of the organization known to-day as the National Association of Master Bakers...

To Dance in Dowry's Home. MUSKOGEE, Mich., Feb. 2.—The large dining hall of Ben MacDui, the summer home on White Lake, near here, which was the wonder of sight-seers during the lifetime of the late John Alexander Dowry...

Fireman Killed in Collision. CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—A fireman was killed and three were wounded in a Baltimore and Ohio freight and Big Four freight collision at Winton Plaines, near here, this morning.

Insurance Men Indicted. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The grand jury of Onondaga county to-day reported indictments for perjury against Iram C. Reed, president, and Willard H. Peck, secretary of the People's Mutual Life Assurance Association and League.

Twenty Lost in Gale. COPENHAGEN, Feb. 2.—The bodies of twenty fishermen, lost in terrific gales that are sweeping the Norwegian coast, have been washed ashore, and nine fishing smacks, manned by forty sailors, are still missing and believed to have gone down. All shipping is interrupted.

Four Hurt in Wreck. READING, Pa., Feb. 2.—One man was fatally and three seriously injured today when the milk train on the Wilmington and Columbia division of the Reading Railroad ran into an open switch in the Coatesville yard and collided with a switch engine.

Army Appropriation Bill Passed. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate to-day passed the army appropriation bill and the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the former carrying \$95,440,567 and the latter about \$5,150,000.

To Issue New Postals. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—To-day, for the first time, Uncle Sam began printing his own postal cards. Soon a new card will be issued.

Oceanic to Aid Immigration. MELBOURNE, Feb. 2.—The Victorian Cabinet has decided to dispatch within a few days a mission to the United States and England, with the object of promoting immigration.

Peary After South Pole. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Commander Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, has made a proposition to the National Geographic Society which, if accepted, will mean that an American expedition will be on its way to discover the South Pole next fall.

Bjornson Reported Dying. PARIS, Feb. 2.—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet and novelist, whose condition has been critical recently, was said today to be dying.

To Study Tariff. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—An exhaustive study of the tariff is planned by the President. He has directed the Tariff Board, authorized under the recent tariff act, to prepare for such an inquiry.

Can Withdraw Public Lands. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—That there shall be no question as to the power of the President to withdraw public lands for conservation purposes and continue the withdrawals in force until revoked by him or by act of Congress, the Senate Committee on Public Lands today reported a substitute for two of the administration bills.

Storm Drives Back Steamer. MALTA, Feb. 2.—The German steamship Anaxela, which sailed from Calcutta January 4 and Colombo January 15 for Boston and New York, via Malta, has returned here, driven back by severe weather.

Mining Camp Burned. HELENA, Mont., Feb. 2.—The business section of Marysville, the famous mining camp twenty miles northwest of here, was practically wiped out by fire last night. There was no loss of life.

Board of Coroners Reports Many Killed by Street Cars. Of the 5,222 deaths in this city that were reported to the Coroner's Court last year, 1,155 were due to natural causes, while 2,067 deaths resulted from violence, according to the annual report of the board of coroners.

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MAY COLONIES INEBRIATES. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 2.—New York city will have a board of inebriety, if a bill introduced today by Senator Thomas F. Grady becomes a law. The board will be authorized to establish a hospital and industrial colony for inebriates...

HELD FOR ASSAULT. Actor Charged With Attacking Eight-Year-Old Girl. Charged with having attempted to attack eight-year-old Mildred Perry, of 367 Cooper street, Williamsburg, William Law, an actor, when arraigned in the Manhattan Avenue Police Court yesterday...

THE SUNDAY CALL. If you give an order for a Sunday Call to your news dealer, and he fails to supply you, a copy can be procured at the following places:

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FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. SOUTH ELLIOTT PLACE 5 (near subway)—Beautiful room; \$2.50; all conveniences.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. WARREN ST. 331—Nice, newly furnished room; all modern improvements.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. 147th St. 118, near 44th St.—Furnished room, single, \$1.50; couple, \$2; housekeeping.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. AVE. C. 145-148—2 and 3 rooms; rent \$2-\$11; half month free.

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FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. PARK AV. 1453, cor. 107th—5 large rooms, bath; hot water; \$12.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. 187th AVE. 641, near 204th—5 large, light rooms; improvements; \$17, \$19.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. 20 AVE. 478, near 207th—3 large rooms, second floor, front; \$14; two floor, \$12.50.

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BEN HANFORD DEAD?

By Anna Rapport.

Ben Hanford dead? Wait, wait, I cannot say that! Oh, no! that cannot be! Ben Hanford is with us and always will be. Comrades, look! He lives! Oh, can't you see?

Ben Hanford is getting brighter, brighter. The light makes way for the Eternal Light radiates from him, from our beloved one, shines and glitters for us through the night.

Comrades! Hail Comrade, Friend and Brother!

Ben Hanford dead? Wait, wait, I cannot say that! Oh, no! It can't be true!

SOCIALIST WOMEN MOURN BEN HANFORD.

At the last regular meeting of the Woman's committee, Local New York, the following resolutions were adopted and drawn by Carrie W. Allen for the committee:

"Ben Hanford, one of the most and most loyal fighters for economic freedom of the workers, and the political enfranchisement of women, is dead, and the Socialist movement mourns the loss of a beloved Comrade; and

"Whereas he gave the best years of his life to the working class, and even when health failed, often when death seemed imminent, he toiled steadily, believing that 'next to Socialism, the grandest and best thing in the world is working for Socialism;' and

"Whereas he was an ardent champion of the cause of women, feeling that 'no woman, feeling as she does (if that be possible) than wage slavery'; but recognizing its economic basis, declared that while he must battle for the economic emancipation of all, he would not neglect the work of getting the franchises for women; and

"Whereas, endowed as he was with exceptional intellect and ability, he always lined up with the rank and file, never seeking leadership nor place for himself, but always the advanced member of the working class; therefore,

"Resolved, That we, the Socialist women of New York, express our sense of personal loss, and extend our sympathy to the bereaved family; and that we pledge ourselves to make the most that animated our beloved Comrade Ben Hanford, the guiding force of our service to the movement which is hallowed by the memory of one whose dying breath was given to the cause of the working class.

HARLEM SOCIALIST WOMEN'S STUDY CLUB.

At the last meeting of the H. S. W. S. C. Miss Dutcher spoke on the "Injustice and Force of Our Legal System."

Our legal system dates far back into antiquity, originating with the Romans about 400 B. C. In a great many important particulars it is still the same, but in others it has been adapted to suit the needs of the different countries into which it has been adopted.

That law always lays behind social development is largely due to the fact that lawyers always look back to see what the decision of some judge was in a similar case about thirty or forty years ago, when social conditions were different, and when other motives may have been influential in forming the respective opinion of the respective judge.

There are three kinds of laws: Statutory law, which is law passed by different legislative bodies; the law of precedent, which, as stated above, means the looking back to find out how other judges have decided in like cases, and, lastly, law by injunction. The latter is a temporary law made by a judge for a certain individual or individuals for a stated time.

As set down by Blackstone, law should do the following three things: Guarantee personal security; personal liberty, and the right of property.

Members will be notified concerning the next meeting of the Harlem Study Club.

HATTIE SCHLOSSBERG, Press Committee.

ONE OF OUR "IMMIGRANT" WOMEN.

At graduating exercises of the Weller High School, in Chicago, this year, Mrs. Hannah Jacober got a diploma. Five years ago her husband, with whom she had left their village home in Germany and come to America, the land of promise, died, says the Chicago Record-Herald. For a year and a half she made her way in the world by such work as she found herself fitted for. Only she knew how little that was. Finally there was born in her the desire for better things, and she resolved to become a school teacher.

So she entered the Weller High School as a freshman. Her companions were not half her age, and at the first efforts of the quiet little woman who sat daily in the classroom and studied more earnestly than any of the others were something of a joke. Her quiet persistence won their admiration, and now there is no more popular member of the senior class than Mrs. Jacober.

That is why the dramatic club formed by the school faculty when the school authorities drove out fraternities and sororities presented a play recently. The hall was crowded and the entire proceeds were presented to Mrs. Jacober, who was able to graduate in as pretty a costume as any of the others.

Mrs. Jacober has already taken some of her examinations for entrance to the Chicago Normal School, and she has passed them all. When her papers in German were corrected the examining board found there was nothing to correct—the papers were perfect—and probably the plucky woman will before long realize her cherished ambition to be a Chicago school teacher.

DRAMA

ERNEST POOLE'S PLAY.

"None So Blind," a four-act play by Ernest Poole, the well-known story-writer, Socialist and contributor to The Call, will be given its first production tonight at the Hackett Theatre, with John Mason in the leading role.

According to the preliminary announcement of the management, "None So Blind" tells a story of a civil engineer who neglects his wife for a railroad bridge he is building across a canyon 2,000 feet deep in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Intent upon his constructive theories and insensible to fatigue, he labors night and day upon his bridge-plans until, overcome by the strain he has put upon his eyes, he suddenly goes blind. Even then he refuses to give up his work, pressing into service his wife and his uneducated but practical and devoted assistant. He drives them as he has driven himself, mercilessly unmindful of everything save the completion of the bridge, upon the success of which he has staked his professional reputation.

For nine months, while the bridge is in course of construction, the blind engineer directs a thousand workmen through his two helpers. "He is on the job" always, excepting an occasional visit to Denver, whither he goes ostensibly to consult another engineer, but in reality to be treated by an eminent oculist, who holds out a bare hope of restoring his eyesight.

Meanwhile a literary critic and former friend of his wife has come to the Rockies. He learns that she has written a novel called "The Top of the Mountain," of which she has said nothing to her husband, because the blind engineer looks upon literature as rubbish, and cares only for books that are text books and deal with the anatomy of steel bridges. Upon reading the novel the newcomer expresses enthusiasm for the story, to the editing of which he brings his critical experience. From an artistic interest in the book he develops a personal interest in the writer that borders on love, and he grows to hate the life she is leading as the slave of a blind man. An encouraging letter from the publisher, in which a brilliant literary future for her is predicted, spurs him to denunciation of her cold, hard, unsympathetic existence as the wife of one who thinks in geometry and whose songs are sung by a pneumatic drill.

He urges her to leave her husband and the companionship of his steel bridge and go back East, where her own kind life, and where she may have unfettered opportunity to exercise her literary talent. His words find sympathetic response in her nature, but her devotion to her husband makes her hesitate in the choice of an alluring career.

While the wife is pondering this tempting advice her husband returns from an absence of ten days in Denver. He is greeted by his assistant, whom he amazes with the news that the oculist has been successful and his blindness is cured. He is afraid to tell his wife immediately that his sight has been restored, fearful that the sudden shock of happiness may overcome her. His assistant agrees with him and counsels him to pretend that he is still blind and meanwhile observe what is going on about him. He acts upon his assistant's advice, and the situations that follow are said to provide the most interesting part of the story.

Socialist News of the Day

Notice of meetings must be in this office by noon of the day previous to publication. All meetings begin at 8 p.m., unless otherwise specified.

Tonight's Meetings.

MANHATTAN AND BRONX.

Business.

24 A. D.—519 Grand street.

3d and 10th A. D.—271 East 10th street.

20th A. D.—1461 Third avenue, between 82d and 83d streets.

26th A. D.—112 East 104th street.

Report of delegates to city convention and other important matters.

25th A. D.—2309 Third avenue.

West Side Agitation.

Special meeting at headquarters, 585 Eighth avenue. All members should be on hand, as important matters are to be considered.

Harlem Debate.

At the Harlem Forum, 360 West 125th street, a debate will take place on the question "Is the I. W. W. in Harmony With the Socialist Movement?"

There will be a session of the speakers' class, as usual.

34th and 35th A. D.'s

A joint meeting of the 34th and 35th Assembly Districts will take place at 1209 Third avenue for the purpose of making final arrangements in regard to clubrooms. The meeting is of great importance, and every member is urged to be present.

Rand School.

The regular monthly meeting of the study chapter will take place at 112 East 19th street. The study of the Socialist movement in the United States will be begun. The history and national organization and platform will be considered. Discussion by I. Sackin, George H. Hamilton and Marjorie Hughes. Members may bring guests.

20th Assembly District.

The regular meeting of the 20th A. D. Socialist party will take place at headquarters, 1461 Third avenue. Outside of the report of the delegates to the City Convention, there are a number of other important matters to come up for consideration, and all members are urged to be present.

BROOKLYN.

Business.

21st A. D.—181 McKibben street.

20th A. D. (Branch 2, English)—Maretta Mansion, Bushwick and Gates avenues.

NEWARK.

Branch 13th Ward—Labor Lyceum, Eighteenth avenue and 10th street.

6th and 14th Ward Branch—Greil's Hall, 127 15th street.

JERSEY CITY.

5th Ward Branch—169 Monticello avenue.

ELIZABETH, N. J.

Local Union, County, will meet at W. E. A. Hall, 634 Elizabeth avenue, important.

IRVINGTON, N. J.

Irvington Branch—Corner Union and Springfield avenues.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1st and 35th Ward Branch—Southward Labor Lyceum, 1208 Tasker street (entrance on Camac street).

11th and 16th Ward Branch—531 North 5th street.

18th and 31st Ward Branch—Frankford and Adams streets.

37th and 48d Ward Branch—German Hall, 3647 North 6th street.

35th Ward Branch—Home of Members.

Central Jewish Branch—230 Pine street.

CALL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The next meeting of the Call Finance Committee will be held Saturday, February 5, at 3 p.m., at the Rand School, 112 East 19th street.

LECTURE BY DR. INGERMAN.

Dr. Anna Ingerman will lecture tomorrow evening at 112 East 104th street on "Social Psychology and Economics." Admission free. All welcome.

BROWNVILLE BRANCH.

Brownville Branch (Brooklyn) asks us to print the following announcement:

Comrades and friends of Brownville, take notice: Do you remember the good time you had at our last "Vecherinka"? No, then, let us urge you to come to the next one, for, of course, you will be there. It takes place at our clubrooms, 1821 Pitkin avenue, on Saturday evening, February 5. There will be a splendid musical and literary program. Don't forget the date.

BRONX SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The secretary of the Bronx Socialist Sunday school sends the following announcement:

Ever since January 2, when the children's entertainment of the Bronx Socialist Sunday School, Branch 24, Workmen's Circle, was held the attendance kept on growing and last Sunday there were about 200 children present. Those present were taken by the teachers to the new school-rooms, where the first session will be held on Sunday, the 6th. For the benefit of newcomers and the parents of the children, the committee begs to announce that it has secured four large rooms on the second floor of the new building, the Claremont Casino, 422 Wenderover avenue, near Park avenue.

We call on the parents to visit the new quarters, and would also ask them to give their children two cents each Sunday to be brought to the school to help defray the expense. We will from now on be able to do better work still, and ask the co-operation of all interested in the work.

PITTSBURG, PA.

Local Allegheny County reports as follows:

Some of the branches and individuals have sold all their tickets for the

Ben Hanford Memorial Fund

Comrades: The news of Comrade Hanford's death comes like the story of an old-time martyrdom, for surely he died a martyr—pouring the last drop of blood and the last pulse of consciousness into the struggle for better days. We shall never forget those noble appeals for The Call's Wage Fund last summer, and if he could tell us what memorial he would like best, he would say, I believe—"none at all for me, excepting it be help to our struggling Socialist press."

I am sure that there are at least 900 others beside myself, who would like to make up a Hanford Memorial Fund of \$1,000, to be given within a week from the date of Comrade Hanford's death, to The New York Call. I send herewith my dollar, with the earnest wish that those of you who are so heroically doing our work at your difficult pick-posts in The Call office, will feel a bit cheered by the unsolicited rolling in of a full thousand dollars, and more, perhaps, all within seven days.

ELIOT WHITE.

New York City.

Comrades: I enclosed find my check for \$1 for the Hanford Memorial Fund. It is my sincere hope that the Hanford fund may be sufficient to accomplish the dying wish of that great leader.

COBA HUTCHISON.

Philadelphia.

Comrades: I enclosed find \$1 which credit to the Hanford Memorial Fund, and for The Call. Only that which was dust of our old warrior is dead. His inspired soul goes marching on in the throbbing hearts of all who knew him.

JOSEPH C. COHEN.

Philadelphia.

Comrades: I enclosed find a small contribution toward the Hanford Memorial Fund, and may it help to erect the finest monument that our dead but forgotten friend so much desired, and that which we all need so much—a firm and independent Call.

COMRADE ROSE POBERG.

New York.

Comrades: Ben Hanford is dead, but the spirit which caused him to sacrifice his life for Socialism, still remains in our midst. Each one of us should follow in his footsteps—should give up something to uplift The Call, and to honor our Ben. I have been taking in a good show each week, but I am not going to another one this month, and \$3 of my money will go to the Hanford Memorial Fund. Some of the Comrades smoke, and others take their sweethearts to the moving picture show—others drink or spend their money in various ways. Let us resolve to stop our habits for one month, and give the money saved by this, to the Hanford Memorial Fund. Let us show a late generation what the pioneers of Socialism would do for the cause. We cannot all be Ben Hanfords. We cannot all speak or write for Socialism, but we can all do a little. We can give up our habits for one month, and put the savings on the altar of Socialism. I enclosed find \$3 for this fund.

C. BLOHM.

Brooklyn.

Comrades: That monument for Ben Hanford was a grand idea, and as one of Hanford's Jimmie Higginnes, who, for many years has carried the platform, held the banner or distributed literature in the 3d and 9th A. D., Brooklyn, while Ben Hanford and other old Comrades explained the principles of Socialism, I feel very happy to be today in a position to pay my little tribute in the form of a \$2 bill. And let that monument be a great labor press for this part of our country. I would have liked very much to be present at the funeral of Comrade Hanford, but my boss needed my services that day, and I gladly give them to this great cause.

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ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ACTION.

William D. Haywood is a man loved and honored among Socialists and progressive workingmen all over the country. He has endeared himself to them by the loyal, courageous, and efficient service which he rendered to the fighting miners of the West.

He has endeared himself to them all the more, since it was due to their united and unremitting efforts that he was saved from the hangman's rope to which he was consigned by the conspiracy of Western mine magnates and Western state governments, aided and abetted by the government of the United States with Roosevelt at its head.

The words of a man like William D. Haywood are not without influence on the working people of this country. They carry weight because of the man who utters them and because they may generally be taken to represent the views of many of his fellow-workers.

But we sincerely hope that the views of William D. Haywood, as expressed in the interview with him published in yesterday's Call, do not represent the views of many progressive workingmen either of the West or of the East.

Speaking of the terrible mining disaster at Primero, Colo. Comrade Haywood said, among other things:

Most state legislation cannot prevent mine disasters. In Colorado there are specific laws on the statute books which, if enforced, would have prevented the explosion at Primero. But the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company is above the law.

This is one of the companies that were involved in the strike of the coal miners of Colorado in 1903-4. The demands of the men at that time were the enforcement of the ventilation law and other laws of similar importance.

The United Mine Workers were defeated. The use of the militia was extended to the coal companies by the state administration. James H. Peabody, then governor, used the state militia with the avowed purpose of breaking the strike.

To enforce laws intended to protect the lives of coal miners will require legislation by coal miners' unions and organization sufficiently strong to enforce such laws as they themselves enact.

Past experience has demonstrated that laws passed by labor organizations are court-decision proof and, if the union is strong enough, will ever withstand the fire of the state militia and federal troops.

If these words are to be taken literally they can mean only this: That laws passed by legislatures in the interest of the workers are not enforced by the executives. Hence, it is perfectly useless to pass such laws. Hence, political action by the working class, having for its end the obtaining control of the state and national governments, is a vain and futile thing. Therefore, the only way in which the workers can help themselves is to organize strong unions, which will adopt the rules and regulations necessary for the protection of the lives of the workers, and will also enforce them in spite of hostile capitalist governments and all their means of intimidation and repression.

Now, every one of these propositions, excepting only the first, which sets forth a state of fact, is untenable. It is perfectly true that laws passed in favor of the workers by legislatures consisting in the main of capitalistic tools, are passed only because it is expected that they will not be enforced by capitalistic executives and courts.

But it does not follow that such laws would be useless if the capitalistic executives and courts were in wholesome fear of the working class. It does not follow that a political party of the working class, aiming at ultimate absolute control of the government, but in the meanwhile exercising an ever growing influence upon legislatures, executives, and courts, is a useless thing.

And it is not true that the labor unions can ever become so strong as to be able to pass and enforce laws, while leaving the absolute control of state and national governments in the hands of the capitalist class.

The assumption that the labor unions can ever become so strong as to pass laws and enforce them involves the supposition that the economic as well as the political power of the capitalist class has actually been overthrown.

To assume that the mines and their management remain in the hands of the capitalists, that the state and national governments remain in the hands of the capitalists, but that the miners are at the same time able to pass and enforce laws is an absurdity, an inherent contradiction, for it assumes that Capitalism and Socialism exist simultaneously, operating within the same sphere upon the same objects.

The slow and tenacious struggle of the working class for the conquest of the collective powers of society—its political power—cannot be evaded. It cannot be replaced by "direct action"—neither by the isolated struggles of scattered groups of workers in the shops and factories and mines, nor by the general strike.

The political party of the workers is as necessary in their worldwide struggle against capitalism as their economic organization. And both the political and the economic interests of the workers—present as well as their future interests—are sure to suffer if we disregard either its political or its economic organization.

If the workers of Colorado had organized powerful labor unions and at the same time exerted pressure upon every branch of the state government—legislative, executive, and judicial—and upon the national government through their political party, the Socialist party, not only would adequate laws have been passed for the protection of the lives of the miners and of all other workers, but they would also have been enforced.

And the adequacy of the laws and the measure of their enforcement would have corresponded exactly to the power of the working class as it expressed itself through their economic and political organizations.

"The Ecstasy of Great Profits!"



FRANK J. HAYES.

By Robert Hunter.

A Socialist has just been elected vice president of the United Mine Workers of America.

He won over his opponent by a majority of 34,000 votes, and polled more votes than even the president, Thomas V. Lewis.

Hayes is a young man. He will not be twenty-eight until May 4 of this year. At thirteen he left school to go into the mines.

He was initiated into the United Mine Workers of America by his old father, who was also a miner. His school was the school of poverty.

He was reared in the cabin of a poor miner whose life had been given in service to capitalism.

His father could not give him much education, because he in the mines brought the father nothing but poverty, and so the old man dedicated his boy to the service of his class.

I once sat with Frank Hayes for an evening, and we talked of what he intended to do to serve the cause of Socialism and trade unionism.

We spoke of the many able men in the labor movement who had lost their early ideals after achieving success for themselves.

As we spoke, Frank's eyes grew stern and hard. He sat silent for a few moments and then said:

"I can never forget my early poverty nor the wasted life of my dear old father. He spent his life underground."

"And to have only hunger when old age overtakes one, is that to be overcome by the reward of toil? There is going to be more in life for the toiler than the bare struggle from the cradle to the grave."

Hayes is a clean-cut, frank, winsome fellow. You feel in him a sturdy honesty. You have a sense that whatever mistakes he may make, nothing on this earth could force him to do a mean thing or to take advantage of any man.

The miners as a whole are an unusual people. Why the miners should be so rugged, so honest, so independent and so intelligent I don't know.

Yet the miners in nearly every country lead in the labor movement. The only exception that I know is in Germany.

Frank J. Hayes, Duncan McDonald, Adolph Germer, William D. Van Horn and John Walker—who may yet

return to us—are Socialists that the American movement can be proud of.

They occupy influential positions in the most powerful union in America. They are clean, able, intelligent executives and enthusiastic Socialists who are fast converting the miners to Socialism.

They are doing perhaps a more important work for Socialism than any of us are able to do in the purely political field.

Let us therefore congratulate our Socialist comrades in the United Mine Workers of America on their efforts, and let us remember that we ought to have workingmen on our executive committee and that these working class leaders are worthy of consideration.

They have risen in the labor movement to high positions despite the fact of their being militant Socialists.

They have demonstrated an executive ability of a rare order, and they are men that the trade union world respects and that all labor must respect.

The Socialist party cannot afford not to have the council and aid of such men in the administration of its affairs.

EVERYWHERE THE SHOUT OF TRIUMPH.

By Carl D. Thompson.

Sometimes the Comrades grow discouraged. Sometimes the enemies of progress try to laugh at us and say: You are beaten: your movement is going to pieces. In nearly every Socialist paper of late some one writes to ask: What is the matter with the Socialist party? As though there were anything very serious wrong.

Now it seems to me this is not a dark day for us. To those who have eyes to see there is sunrise on the hills. To those who have ears to hear the bugles of the coming triumph are blowing on the peaks.

Look at England. Convulsed with the throes of a mighty political upheaval. And the Socialist forces just before the opening of the present campaign were strengthened by some of the greatest victories our Comrades in Europe had ever seen. What the immediate future has for us in England we can only wait with expectation hope to see.

At least three of our most effective American propagandists are at this moment campaigning there. They will soon return. And they will bring us something of the enthusiasm and something of the wisdom born of the battles there.

Look at Germany. The capitalist papers had just been telling us in their stereotyped imbecility of sweeping defeats of the Socialist movement in Europe and prophesying the early disappearance of this wretched fad. And now comes the real news.

In Berlin there were sixteen seats to be filled for the Prussian Landtag. The Socialists captured all but two. They had only eleven before. It is such a victory as has struck terror to the forces of reaction throughout Europe.

Over there it is the capitalists who are asking: What is the matter?

In Baden the Socialists gained eight seats, now holding twenty. In Saxony the Socialists had just finished celebrating their victory of a year or so ago when they elected for the first time one man representative in the Landtag. Then this last fall's campaign came on. The Socialists won twenty-four additional seats. They now hold twenty-five out of a total of eighty-five.

The whole capitalist press is wailing. The plutocracy is astounded.

To us it is wonderful, terrific, splendid. Every day some new shout of victory starts up somewhere.

The latest comes from Switzerland. Our critics have always told us that here is a nation where the reforms of the Socialists would never get a hold.

Last week in the city of Berne the Socialists captured thirty-four seats in the city council out of a total of eighty.

The radicals elected only thirty-three, and the conservatives thirteen.

And as for America, let us not forget that our movement is young here yet. We are not entitled to such victories as those. We haven't invested a thousandth part of the energy, sacrifice, enthusiasm, wisdom and efficiency that our Comrades in Europe have. And yet in spite of that our skies are full of promise.

We are learning. Experience is teaching us and disciplining our forces. Our trades unions are steadily becoming more radical and efficient. A thousand forces are knitting the workers together. Everywhere the unions are facing the compulsion of independent political action. It is only a matter of time.

The United Mine Workers of America, one of the largest labor organizations in this country, if not in the world, is standing on the threshold of Socialism, facing outward. They are fraternizing with the Western Federation of Miners, which is already committed to Socialism. It is the beginning of the end. We have but to be wise and alert.

The whole atmosphere of America is charged with Socialism. There is hardly a magazine that hasn't something about it. A few years ago we couldn't break into a magazine with a Gattling gun.

Even the Outlook, which six months ago published Roosevelt's billingsgate against Socialism, is now running a quite remarkable series of articles on Industrial Democracy in Europe by Frederic C. Howe. And he doesn't hesitate to give Socialism the credit due it for its part in the achievement.

Bob La Follette is not a Socialist. But I think he never heard a more telling arraignment of the whole capitalist system than he gives in his Chautauque addresses. He and the insurgent movement are breaking through the terrible thickness of political prejudice and conceit that enshrouds our people.

Ben Lindsey is not a Socialist. But it is safe to say that he is reaching hundreds of thousands of people with his articles in Everybody's that the whole Socialist press would hardly reach. And a more terrific and complete exposure of the rotten fabric of capitalistic government could hardly be made.

At the theaters now the most popular plays are those which deal with the social problems. Some years ago I noticed to the play entitled, "A Poor Relation." It said nothing of Socialism, and yet I was stirred with the thought that the social conscience is at last reaching out for the hearts of the people from this play. Later came "The Lion and the Mouse" and "The Daughter of Men." And then I rejoiced because Socialism was actually mentioned. True, it

was not presented in the way he would like, but there was some satisfaction in knowing that it was mentioned. And finally, "The Servant in the House," which has perhaps been one of the most popular and prominently successful plays in one of the large and fashionable churches in one of our Western cities. The pastor, a man who had held his position for a quarter of a century and still holds it, arose and said to his congregation: "The offering today, if the brother is willing, will go to the cause which he represents." A collection taken up in a church for the Social-Democratic party—that was more than I had ever expected. But now it is no unusual thing at all to hear a sermon in which Socialism is defended outright—and that even in large and important churches.

The Chautauque and lecture platform also has its voices that are appealing for social justice and stirring the conscience of the American people. It is surprising sometimes to find how many people in these walks of life are Socialists at heart and how much of its truth they mingle in their messages.

Everywhere a million teeth are being set into the bulwarks of capitalism. Everywhere a million voices are awakening the social conscience. Everywhere the faith in old parties is being undermined.

It only remains for us to make our program practical, our organization efficient, and the future is ours.

It is a wonderful opportunity. It is safe to say no Socialist movement in the world has ever faced such a wonderful opportunity as that we face here in America at this hour.

And we are going to measure up to it. In spite of rock and tempest roar. In spite of false lights on the shore—our faith triumphant over our fears—we shall yet make our own American movement the greatest of them all.

WISDOM IN UNIFORM.

To a guard at a gate in the Broad street station, Philadelphia, there recently rushed an excited individual with this query: "Have I time to say good-bye to my wife, who is leaving on this New York train?"

"That, sir," responded the guard, with a polite smile, "depends on how long you have been married."—Sunday Magazine.

ARE WE TOO CONSIDERATE?

By Martin Luther Flanagan.

Here are a few *IFS*, even though sensible men sidestep the *ifs* whenever possible.

IF a ragged, battered, tottering man suddenly reeled and fell in the street and a crowd of experts gathered around him as follows, would you control your temper and tongue?

"He is suffering from extreme emaciation," said the first expert. "His circumference is scarcely that of the roll of bills the better class of school boys habitually carry with them. Evidently the thing for us to do is to put a suit of padded clothes on him, and one of those inflated paunches in which the humor of Joe Weber and similar Chabon comedians finds its highest expression."

"No, no!" shouted the second expert. "Can't you see the man is suffering from extreme pallor? You must apply a little rouge."

"You make me tired," announced one who was not an expert. "The man is starving. What he needs is something to eat."

Then Organized Charity emitted a dismal howl at this attempt to pauperize the poor.

The second *IF* is this: **IF** a thief snatched your pocketbook—*IF* you had one—would you be as parliamentary as President Taft advises you to be at all times? Of course, you could stand still and say:

"A few moments ago a person whom I suspect of larcenous intent snatched my pocketbook."

"You mean that an alleged thief committed an alleged robbery?"

"I wouldn't go as far as that. But I suspect that in snatching it and running away his designs were not wholly honorable."

"Don't be abusive. His heart may be as easily swayed by the sight of the glorious sun heating its massive shoulder above the broad sweeping waves of the ocean as yours is. He may have a wife and family dependent on him. Perhaps he is an orphan, or is it half orphan?—like John D. Rockefeller. Maybe his mother is a widow, like Henry Green. There is no use harboring hatred for those who have money."

"But it is my money."

"What a monstrous attack upon the church! What a horrible attempt to

undermine the whole social fabric! Making such an assertion you give because the statistics prove that when the powers of the great captains of industry, modern productivity would be less than what it now is, and the man took in nothing but the wages superintendence and the commission necessarily go to the restaurant. Is a condensed version of the essence of the New York Times editorial? You wouldn't stand and say, "question out gently, would you have a question you would pose that they put their 'at the top of your head' you caught 'him' you would kick his ribs in."

Then why stand around and make choice words and kindly entreaties? You are characterizing the man? The poor and the hungry? You want to be afflicted still further? "social" experiments tried? They want something to eat. City organizations are a nuisance. There is no need of them in a place where scientific agriculture has practically overcome the obstacles of nature and where improved transportation facilities have overcome time and distance.

Capitalist society is a thief. It is a wholesale thief. It steals from the poor and it steals from the feeble old. Why not treat it as a thief? Why violence or unparliamentary language? call the highwayman what he is, is as just to call capitalist society a thief, thief and murderer.

When you raise the cry and start the fleeing thief, no doubt you get grates harshly on his ear and that he is standing around confederates who trip you. Your words shock them. Worst of all they fear that the goods may be caught. It is the thing in dealing with the capitalist. The capitalist economists, and preachers set on the wall the man who lifts the purse, and it is who do the tripping by their socialist work and sit down and then a major view before it does such a thing as try to get by with wealth based on I protest that we are too considerate when we withhold the characterizing word in discussing the actions of the capitalist class.

THE UNION QUESTION.

By Frank Bohn.

It is related that not long since, an editorial writer on the most respectable of New York dailies found himself at 3 a.m. in a fashionable cafe accompanied by two or three young men who were not clergymen and three or four young women who were not journalists. The place was about to be closed. The party, though a bit weary, still made an effort to rise. All except the interpreter of passing events, who drew pen and paper and went furiously to work.

"Come along," observed one of his fair companions, "the man wishes to close up. Of course, it's late for you to go away out home to your wife and children."

"Begone!" came sternly from the teacher of the public mind. "I've an inspiration for a powerful editorial. I'll stay till dawn and finish it."

"Well, what's it all about?"

"A national danger—the decline of virtue among American women."

"Now, I don't know where The Call's editorial of January 26th on 'The Union of the Workers' was written, nor in what company. Maybe our Comrade editor had just gotten a week's salary due him in October last and felt a bit inflamed from a beating heart—or perchance the opposite, from indigestion. From whatever cause, there's the editorial before me, black on white."

I.

"Neutrality." Of course, the editor is trying to obey the party's injunction. He succeeds after this fashion. Whenever I start in to read a Call editorial dealing with the union question I am interested in finding answers to a score of questions. A few of them are: (a) Is Gompers to be cursed and the people who support him praised? (b) Is the A. F. of L. to be included and the form of organization, methods and purposes bitterly arraigned? (c) Is the Civic Federation to be stayed for fighting Socialism and its members praised for building up civic federalized unions, without which there wouldn't be a Civic Federation? (d) Is Gompers to get another column of sympathy for being sentenced to a jail he will never see the inside of, while four hundred slaves freezing and starving in the halls of Spokane never get one word of editorial notice? These are a few, I say. In this A. F. of L. business all Socialist editors are alike. Theoretically, about two-thirds are right half the time; practically, they are never right, wrong, indifferent, nor any other old thing.

II.

Before we "hall with joy" the union of the Western Federation of Miners with the A. F. of L. let's wait and see what the rank and file of the W. F. of M. has to say about it. For opinions—standards, principles, and hopes thrive in Bismarck and Butte. In Siberia live miners sometimes work chained to the dead. But the W. F. of M. used the machine drill of modern bliss on the shackles which

clamped it to the A. F. of L. twelve years ago.

III.

"The Western organization will undoubtedly derive weighty benefits by stepping out of its isolation."

Didn't the W. F. of M. "step out" to the A. F. of L. just because it failed to keep its membership from isolated into a damn "lock" which no longer represents three months ago all Butte's A. F. of L. the whole W. F. of M. in Butte went on strike to such desertion and kept the A. F. of L. in the industrial organization.

IV.

"True enough, this is not one of the industrial unions of the A. F. of L. and facts."

V.

"Now, is it going to be an instance of French syndicalism?" Further we read, "the loud-mouthed syndicalist, etc."

Like Socialists in general, the writer of these observations likes to claim to a superabundant store of humility. But when it comes to severe criticism of such aspects of the movement in Europe, which is in the habit of holding its own with our own movement, and political, in its present impotency, let us (stating our own with all the elegance the matter admits) shut up our mouths. French workers need no advice from us.

VI.

To support the A. F. of L. and cast aspersions on the French strike: A "facco!" With the American working class crushed to the point of hopelessness, there has been a strike east of the Rocky mountains since 1904. Which has caused oligarchy to lose a wink of sleep. "facco!" indeed. What English is there, then, which adequately describes American conditions? the French syndicalists such verbiage sounds like a couple of Apache Indians criticizing the organization of the University of Paris.

VII.

Much more might be fittingly said. But we do not wish to appear critical of the general editorial staff of The Call. But please, Comrade Editor, remember that the A. F. of L. is a pretty good place to stay away from at present. The day the party will have made up its mind on these and sundry other points. Then you can swing your tent-pole through the columns of The Call without having it get into a broom fair of unionism, like the den pitfalls of the "Labor" square, is a pretty good place to stay away from at present.

TO BEN HANFORD.

On the publication of his book

By Anna Rappoport

I lay a wreath Down at your feet. Of laurel fresh and green. The force of thought That nobly fought Is sure some day to win.

The Star of Red Above your head Shines bright with love and hope. Though stray your hair, Do not despair, For ample is your scope.

Your heart and mind In one combined Send forth a brilliant light That radiates Throughout the States And glitters through the night.

Hail, Comrade, hail! We can not fail. Though you may step, and Rich blossoms bloom The seed of thought, The fruit must come of it.