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FEDERATION MEN TO TALK OF BIG STRIKE... Convention at New Castle, Pa., Will Take Up Question of State Tieup Today.

PAYING FOR THE KILLING OF 354... 157 Widows and 423 Children Are Claimants Against Mining Company for Cherry Disaster.

NICHOLAS TSCHAIKOVSKY... on her father's bail bond until a verdict was reached.

FOR WEEKLY REST DAY... Conference to Unite Church and Labor in General Demand for Day of Leisure.

THE NEW MAINTENANCE FUND PLEDGE... Date..... Indorsing the purpose outlined above, the undersigned hereby agrees to contribute to The Call the sum of \$..... per week for a period of one year.

Platt's Name Again... Osborne asked Senator Aldis if, as the majority of the assembly that year, he did not represent the honor and dignity of the Republican party of this state.

Equal Rights Women There... Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, state president of the Woman Suffrage Union of Pennsylvania, is in this city, and will present the cause to the convention tomorrow.

PROBES GAMBLING... But Indiana Falls to Incriminate Tom Taggart, Proprietor of French Lick Resort.

RAPS MANUFACTURERS' ASS'N... Taft Scores "Union Busters" for Criticizing Anti-Injunction Bill.

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FAIL TO REPEAL LAW... St. Louis Terminal Co. Gets \$50,000 "Grant" for Carrying Mail Across Bridge.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—An attempt to repeal the law that gives the St. Louis Terminal Company \$50,000 a year for carrying mail across a bridge at St. Louis was defeated in the house today.

PORTO RICAN BILL... Olmsted Offers a Simpler Measure for Government.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Representative Olmsted of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on insular affairs, today introduced a new bill for the government of Porto Rico.

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OUR VANISHING DEMOCRACY.

If ever the workmen of this country had before them a concrete object lesson on the necessity of independent working class political action, they are having it now in Philadelphia.

To be sure, there never was a strike of any dimensions in which the power of the government—municipal, state, and national—was not invoked against the strikers. The police, the militia, the federal army, and last but not least, the courts are always at the beck and call of the bosses.

Nevertheless, there is one aspect of the Philadelphia situation that stands out unique in the history of recent conflicts between labor and capital.

Invariably whenever the power of the government in all its manifold forms is invoked against striking working men and women, it is done in the name of law and order. The government pretends to be perfectly impartial as regards the disputes between employers and employees.

Thus in the recent shirtwaist makers' strike in this city, one who was not acquainted with the actual situation might have inferred from the utterances of the police officials and police magistrates and of their champions in the press, that the very foundations of society were being shaken by the striking girls.

But in Philadelphia the intervention of the municipal authorities in favor of the Rapid Transit Company has assumed a much more direct form. There the city's representatives on the company's board of directors have been, one and all, among the most stubborn opponents of the workers' demands.

Such complete, obvious, brazen fusion between a city government and a private corporation would, a few years ago, have been deemed impossible in this country. And, indeed, it was impossible.

Mr. Gompers has said that a Socialist party is unnecessary in this country for the reason that political rights are secure here.

Of course, the statement is an absurdity. Even if political democracy were absolutely secure here, there would still be need of a Socialist party aiming at the securing of industrial democracy.

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Political democracy in America will soon be a mere tradition, a vanished past, unless the workers arise in their might and arrest the capitalistic onslaught on the very foundations of political liberty, on the most elementary rights of free citizens in a free community.

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Questions of the Steel Strike.

By ROBERT HUNTER.

Interesting news arrives day by day from South Bethlehem, Pa. On February 6 it was announced that Charles M. Schwab and Charles P. Taft, the brother of the President, were going into partnership. They intended to get, or already have some, big steel contracts from the government.

These are stunts that indicate that something may be doing in the next few months. The steel trust magnates are an amazing crowd of industrial pirates. They are headed by Morgan, who despises union leaders and their following.

His right hand man is George W. Perkins, who has had the good sense to bribe 40,000 employes of the steel trust with stock. The man who holds the mortgage on the steel trust is our old friend Andrew Carnegie, who once gave evidence at Homestead of how he loved union labor.

A director of the steel trust is Henry Phipps, who likes to give away money, and, therefore, likes the steel workers to make plenty of it for him.

Some have labored and others without labor have enjoyed a large proportion of the fruits," said Lincoln. The Socialist adds that the latter class has always been the ruling class—that the class that has ruled in economics has ruled in politics.

Perhaps picturing Mr. Mellan as Morgan's megaphone is not very bad, but where does that leave the governors of Massachusetts, who for several years have been obeying Mellan's orders?

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The Socialist's Temperance Pledge

By REV. ROLAND D. SAWYER.

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THE BRIAND MINISTRY.

A Contribution to the Natural History of "Socialist Ministerialism."

By Charles Rappoport, of Paris, in Die Neue Zeit.

(Translated by Harry T. Smith.)

(Continued from yesterday.)

The electoral divisions cause great injustice, just as in Germany. What is still worse, under the present system of election districts, where the deputy is dependent upon local leaders and influence, electoral corruption and official pressure dominate along the whole line.

In this desire the Right agrees with the Socialists—with the exception of the Socialist deputy, Breton, who is still crazy about the "Bloc." The Radicals are naturally opposed to these electoral reforms, as they fear such changes would cause their political downfall.

Our comrades in parliament were divided in opinion. The friends of Jaures, and Jaures himself, overjoyed at the passing of Clemenceau, really believed a change had come.

Guesde and Vaillant, on the contrary, particularly the former, advocated an aggressive battle against the "government of the three renegades."

The most important political actions of the "Socialist" premier are as follows: His speech at Perigueux defining his program, his fight against proportional representation, and his abandonment of the conference which fixed the price to be paid by the government for the Eastern Railway.

ON THE FIRING LINE.

By MONOSABIO.

Robbery for charity—how sweet the slogan! "My son, let us throw dust and see if we can head off those awful Socialists."

In his Perigueux speech Briand struck a note which had not been heard in France since the days of Melne and Dupuy, the notorious reactionists. Intoxicating with his success in the circles of the moderate bourgeoisie, and by the praises of the capitalist and reactionary press, Briand preached not merely social peace—since the days of Milerand—social peace has been the watch word—

In order to win back the frightened Radicals, Briand again appealed to their basest instincts, to their burning desire to be re-elected. He came out decidedly for the maintenance of the present electoral system, which he had himself condemned.

This was one of those jugglers' tricks in the use of which Briand is so expert. The electoral reform was accepted in principle, but turned down in practice. The salvation of this principle may be used to combat "those other Radicals" at the coming elections.

Where is the town of "Brotherly"? I asked some Quaker men: "Twas on the glorious Delaware In the good old days of Penn."

When the people get too inquisitive about the size of your pile and ask where you got it, sing, "Sweet Charity, to thee I dedicate some of the unearned increment."

It is pertinent to ask, not only where the millions which Rockefeller dedicates to charity will come from, but where they will go? In other words, who will be the real beneficiaries?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A FATUOUS POLICE. Editor of The Call: The announcement of his resignation as Most Rev. Archbishop O'Connell, Boston, that a series of lectures on social and economic topics are to be held throughout the diocese, has been keen interest among members of the Socialist party, who, while rendering credit for having long preceded such a movement, are willing to accord grace ample credit for wisely coming to a position of more respectability than the "miserable insignificance" previously held of us in the eyes of the archbishop prior to his dramatic mission to Japan.

At first ignored, forced to receive serious consideration to what had been received contemptuous ridicule, grace, the archbishop, has entered the arena as an individual to pit his intellect, not against a comparative individual, but against the assembled class-conscious spirit of the organizing masses.

Where, where is "billy-delphia? O. officer, do tell! I want to go to stop a strike; He said, "You go to h—"

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