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## THE PEACE IS SAFE IN CAGE AGAIN

### Graft Rumors Kept Carnegie Busy Rearranging Big Dinner.

Andrew Carnegie has made it possible for the big peace banquet to be held next Saturday night at the Waldorf-Astoria with President Taft as the guest of honor, but Carnegie spent many uncomfortable hours before he succeeded in getting various peace societies to bury the hatchet. He had to reorganize the Executive Committee in charge of the dinner in order to get down on charges of graft and extortion and it was necessary for him to assure the President, Secretary of State Knox, foreign Ambassadors and a number of distinguished Americans that they needn't fear unpleasant developments. The fact is, Carnegie threatened not only to put an end to the peace banquet, but to disrupt the New York Peace Society of which he is the head.

Carnegie was greatly surprised and thoroughly chagrined when he heard about the first of last November, from the Rev. William H. Short, of Mt. Vernon, a close friend, that somebody had made a queer proposal to President William C. Muschenheim, of the Hotel Astor. That somebody was a woman, a friend and an employee of a member of the former Executive Committee of the Citizens' Peace Banquet. Her real lead her to suggest to Muschenheim that his hotel extend a rebate of \$1.50 on every \$10 cover which would amount to something like \$1,500, since at least 1,000 people were expected to buy tickets for the peace banquet. It happened that Herr Muschenheim had heard things which led him to believe that a stenographer in ambush might be a bad thing to have around when he discussed dinner arrangements with the lady. So the stenographer man was planted comfortably and after the lady had finished making Muschenheim had an interesting record for his leisurely inspection. The more he thought over the private conversation the less he liked it. He sent for the Rev. Short, whom he knew was pretty close to Carnegie. Short looked over the stenographic record, took a copy and called on Carnegie.

The leading advocate of peace was considerably disturbed. He sent for Charles R. Macaulay, the cartoonist and president of the Press Club, who was familiar with his wishes and who was the chairman of a dinner committee of fifteen club presidents. Carnegie said that something had to be done, that the situation was distressing looked at in any light. He told Macaulay and others that it would be dreadful if the newspapers got hold of the story because of the embarrassing position that Taft, the diplomats and other prominent guests would be placed in. He suggested that the dinner be postponed until there had been a reorganization of the committees and an elimination of persons who lacked—well, tact. So Macaulay, the Rev. Short, John Temple Graves and others who knew Carnegie's mind set about to smooth matters over.

But Herr Muschenheim's feathers were ruffled and he declined to be smoothed. He notified the dinner committee that the Hotel Astor was no longer an applicant for the job of feeding the peace folk. Muschenheim didn't go into details but he was set in his notions. About that time the acting chairman of the executive committee, Edward Owings Towne, a Brooklyn lawyer, heard from Washington that President Taft wouldn't be able to attend the banquet and that the foreign ambassadors would follow the President's lead. An inkling at least of the story that upset Carnegie had got over to the Capitol. Then Carnegie informed Towne that he certainly would not preside at the dinner unless he was assured that Taft would be there. Room 144 at the Waldorf, the headquarters of the Citizens' Peace Banquet was anything but cheerful.

But Carnegie's friends took hold and began to straighten things out. Towne was persuaded to retire from the executive committee. The services of the lady who talked so incessantly with Muschenheim were dispensed with. Assurances were given to representatives of the various peace societies in New York that talk of scandal and graft was nonsense and that the dinner arrangements would be properly taken care of. John Temple Graves saw President Taft and prevailed upon the President to accept an invitation. The President agreed and so, eventually, did Secretary of State Knox, the Russian, Japanese, Austrian, Turkish and other diplomatic representatives, and then, of course, Carnegie let it be known that he would fire the first blank cartridge at the banquet.

The Executive Committee was reorganized with Judge Albert H. Gary as chairman; Henry C. Crowell, Temple Graves and John F. Crowell as vice chairmen; Charles L. Whitcomb, treasurer, and Capt. Millard J. Thompson, an executive secretary. The committee went to the Waldorf-Astoria and made a deal for a dinner.

## PETTY OFFENDERS TO GET PRIVATE TRIAL

Magistrate Butts, who is sitting in the Yorkville Police Court, has introduced into Police Court procedure an innovation which he says will elevate the dignity of the minor courts and benefit the community. He has ruled that the prisoners charged with intoxication and other petty offenses shall not be brought into open court for everybody to gaze at. They are to have their hearings in the magistrate's room.

The men and women who have been overcome by drink in a public place for the first time are either discharged or put on probation after Magistrate Butts has had a talk with them. In other cases in which the charge made by the policeman is a minor one, the magistrate gives the prisoners advice and lets them off on probation. Confirmed drunkards are sent to the workhouse.

Magistrate Butts says that a similar procedure is in vogue in France and is recognized there as doing much good in reforming men and women arrested for their first transgression. He thinks more good to the city is to be obtained by this practice than by taking \$5 or \$10 from the family of a man who can ill afford it.

## ORANGE BOY IS KILLED BY AUTO

Three Young Men Under Arrest—Police Say Speedometer Showed 58 Miles.

ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 25.—A boy was killed and a woman was hurt at Main and Day streets early this afternoon by a high speed auto in which were three young men of Orange. The boy was carried back to one of the lamps nearly a block. The car slowed up to make the turn into Essex avenue and then sped on with Special Deputy Ovidio Bianchi in pursuit with a car he had pressed into service.

Bianchi caught the youths many blocks from the scene of the mishap and turned them over to a policeman. They will be arraigned in the morning before Police Justice Joseph B. Bray.

The driver of the car was Daniel A. Dugan, Jr., son of District Court Judge Daniel A. Dugan and nephew of former County Judge Thomas A. Davis of this city. Another of those in the car was James A. Clark, Jr., son of James A. Clark, a real estate dealer. He also is a nephew of ex-Judge Davis. The third young man in the car was Louis G. Nolte, son of School Commissioner Henry Nolte, of 82 Park street. Dugan lives at 11 Ridge street, and Clark at 76 High street. Dugan was the owner of the automobile.

Chief of Police George E. Washer said today that he would make the complaints tomorrow morning. Manslaughter will be charged against Dugan, who is the owner of the car.

The dead boy was Leo McDermott, son of Edward M. McDermott, of North Mehanic street. He was 14 years old.

The woman injured was Miss Sylvia Tischer, of 70 Wallace street. She was taken to the hospital by Policeman Reed in the same automobile with young McDermott, but it was found that she was only slightly hurt. The automobile had hit her a glancing blow. In her fall she knocked over another woman who was crossing at the same time.

## ATTEMPTS SUICIDE TWICE ON TRACKS

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 25.—"I am insane and I want to die," said Alina Mauring, 33 years of age, of Napera Park, today when arraigned in the 2d Precinct station on a charge of attempting suicide. She was dragged twice from the tracks of the Putnam division of the New York Central Railroad near Napera Station this forenoon as she threw herself in front of one train and lay down some minutes later to wait for another to go over her.

John Brandt, of Napera Park, rescued her and notified the police. When arraigned before Judge Beall in the City Court she could give no information regarding herself, and was later pronounced insane by a Sanity Committee. Before committing her Judge Beall ordered the police to make inquiries as to whether she has any relatives. She appears to be a Swede.

## HELD OF ASSAULT CHARGE

Stabbed half a dozen times and with her left ear cut off, Mrs. Anna Moore, wife of a piano mover, is in the Cumberland Street Hospital, Brooklyn, while her husband, Thomas Moore, is locked up, charged with assaulting her. He was held without bail yesterday by Magistrate McGuire, in the Gates Avenue Police Court, following a terrific fight with Detectives Halloran and Kaufman, who arrested him in the Moore home at 127 North Oxford street.

## STREET CAR MEN CHASED BY CROWD

When Boy Is Killed on First Avenue People Want to Wreak Summary Vengeance.

Frank Villano, 9 years old, of 2512 First avenue, was hit by a First avenue car at 11th street while playing ball in the street last night. His skull was fractured and he died instantly.

The motorman, John Tax, of 126 East 95th street, and the conductor, John Fendler, of 216 East 93rd street, were chased by a crowd for sixteen blocks until they found refuge in the car barn at 96th street and Second avenue. Policemen escorted them back to their deserted car and they went on their way.

## COURTHOUSE SITE REPORTED CHOSEN

It was given out semi-officially yesterday that within a week or so, possibly within a few days, Borough President McAneny will be able to tell the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that its committee has picked out a site for the new county courthouse. Then, if the board approves the selection, there will be an order to a search which has been going on for almost nine years, and this county will have a proper place to accommodate its Supreme Courts.

## RICH CALIFORNIANS THROW BIG BLUFF

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 25.—With millionaires as their chauffeurs, and costly automobiles as their burden-bearers, mail carriers of Pasadena delivered thousands of letters and packages today. The novel sight of Uncle Sam's postmen, usually seen during the Yuletide season staggering along under heavy loads, scurrying about the city in high-priced cars, headed high with mail, attracted wide attention.

The emancipation of the carriers from Christmas burdens for the day, at least, was the result of a plea made by Rev. Robert Freeman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and chairman of the Municipal Temperance Commission, to his wealthy parishioners yesterday.

## RAND SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE A BIG SUCCESS

The most successful "open house" celebration ever held by the Rand School of Social Science, 112 East 19th street, ended at midnight last night, after an afternoon and evening full of enjoyment for all who attended. For the first time the affair was conducted by the students of the school. The rooms were packed with a merry crowd from the beginning of the affair until the end.

## FOREIGNERS LEAD IN SCHOOLS

Keystone Superintendent Says Americans Waste Their Time.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—Warning that children of foreign born parents are outstripping American boys and girls in the public schools of the State is contained in the annual report of Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

## COP SAVES MAN FROM DOG

Violent Dog Bites Five and Policeman Aids One by Sucking Wound.

## PERSIAN PARLIAMENT IS NOW DISSOLVED

### Russian Soldiers Butcher Scores of Women and Children.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Dissolution of the Persian Parliament has been ordered by the Regent, Nazir-el-Mulk, and troops were stationed about the building today to prevent the deputies from entering, according to a special dispatch from Teheran. The Regent has taken this course to prevent the lawmakers from objecting further to the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the Treasurer General. With Parliament dissolved, the cabinet will be free to carry out its announced intention of granting all of Russia's demands.

The dispatch says that Reesh and Engell are quiet following the blood-streets fighting there yesterday and the day before, but Tabriz is a scene of frightful slaughter. At least seventy-five men, women and children, the majority of them innocent of any resistance to the Russians, have been slaughtered by the Slavonic soldiers. Persian troops are said to be entrenched in the battered citadel picking off Russian soldiers who have been ordered not to reply to the fire at this time.

An official telegram received from Tabriz shows the Russians were guilty of outrages surpassing anything reported from Tripoli.

More than 500 men, women and children were massacred in cold blood, houses were entered indiscriminately and women attacked before their relatives' eyes. The artillery mowed down every living creature in the streets.

S. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Articles received here today from Tabriz, say that the Russian troops have been forced to abandon the Russo-Persian Bank, which is situated in the principal bazaar and which they have hitherto been protecting. There is a sum of about \$150,000 in specie lying in the bank, which is now entirely without a guard.

It is evident now that the fighting at Tabriz, was of a severe nature and that the situation there is still "alarming." The Russian foreign office says that it has received no details of the recent battle but it is admitted that the Russian losses were considerable. The Russian Minister at Teheran telegraphs that the Persian Government has sent stern orders to the local governor at Tabriz to suppress disorder.

It is said here that the Russian Consul, M. Mueller, at Tabriz, who was asked by the Russian commander there to leave under an escort, declined to do so and remains at his post. He telegraphed tonight that the fighting continues. The Russian commander, Col. Chaplin, sends word that the Persians are putting up the stiffest kind of a fight.

## SAFE BLOWERS GET AWAY WITH \$4,000

Safe blowers who used gloves to prevent detection through finger prints and who made a connection with a live wire in order to get electric power to operate a drill, blew open a safe with nitroglycerin in the rear of the S. S. Kregge Five and Ten Cent Store, at 182 West 125th street early yesterday, and escaped with between \$3,700 and \$4,000 in cash. The manner in which the safe was drilled indicates to the police that experts in the safe-breaking line operated.

## MEXICANS REMOVE PICTURE OF TAFT

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 25.—The picture of President William H. Taft has been removed from the reception room in the Ciudad Juarez Custom House, in which he and President Porfirio Diaz, of Mexico, met two years ago. The building served as Mexico's provisional capital during the last days of his revolution against Diaz. In its place has been hung the coat of arms of Mexico.

## MOROS SURRENDER TO AMERICAN ARMY

MANILA, Dec. 25.—The 600 Moros who have been threatening the Americans with trouble have surrendered. There was no engagement as had been feared, but twenty of the tribesmen tried to cut their way through the encircling line of Filipino scouts.

## TRIBESMEN ATTACK SPANISH TROOPS

Several of Alfonso Soldiers Slain in Fresh Row in Moroccan Hor-net's Nest.

MADRID, Dec. 25.—After an extended period of peace the Kabyle tribesmen in Morocco have attacked the Spanish troops and severe fighting has taken place. The most serious engagements took place yesterday and Friday along the Kert River. The fighting extended over a frontage of nearly forty miles, and while the Kabyles were repulsed, it is stated that several Spanish officers were killed and many wounded. The incident has caused much irritation in public circles here, as it is believed that the attack was incited by the interference of foreigners.

## WOMAN BURNED BY FLAMING ALCOHOL

Mrs. Emma Lyons, the superintendent of the Virginia Hotel for Working Girls at 228 East 12th street, was making coffee in a percolator she had received as a present yesterday afternoon, and tried to pour alcohol from a bottle into the heated lamp. There was an explosion which showered her with burning alcohol and set fire to all her clothes above the waist.

Mrs. Agnes Campbell, who was with her, tried to put out the flames by wrapping a portiere around her, but Miss Lyons broke away and ran into the hall. Her screams were heard by James Cahill, of 230 East 11th street, who was calling on one of the girls in the hotel. He ran out from the parlor in time to grab a rug and wrap it around Miss Lyons. After his hands were badly burned he extinguished the flames.

Miss Lyons was badly burnt but her face was not touched. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Some excited person turned in an alarm but nothing had been set on fire except Miss Lyons' clothes.

## DYNAMITE BLOWS UP BIG DOUBLE HOUSE

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 25.—A double block, owned by Joseph Scarlett, at Swoyersville, near here, was blown up by a heavy charge of dynamite this morning, and the lives of the sixteen inmates were endangered.

All escaped serious injury, but, as badly frightened, they ran out of the wrecked house, five revolver shots were fired at them. None took effect, however. The charge of dynamite had been placed on the front porch, and it blew out the entire front of the house, and wrecked the interior of all the inmates were in the rear rooms of the house at a Christmas celebration, and aside from some severe bruises and cuts, caused by falling plaster, and flying glass, all escaped injury.

## RENO ALL "HET UP" OVER NEW YEARS BALL

RENO, Nev., Dec. 25.—This city is to witness what bids fair to be the most brilliant social celebration of the Christmas-New Years holiday season of its history on New Years night, in which such a large aggregation of the members of the divorce colony will participate that it is known as the "Divorce Ball."

Reno is so deeply absorbed in various festivities of the season that there seemed no room for any further social functions however attractive and elaborate until New Years Day, upon which night alone there is already booked the dances.

## TWO KILLED; THREE INJURED IN WRECK

CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. 25.—Henry Zeller, an engine driver, and E. Young, a fireman, were killed, and Grover Ogden, a brakeman, Frank Beardon, a fireman, and F. McNier, a conductor, were severely injured in a wreck near this city early this morning.

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## TWO HURT WHEN AUTO AND TROLLEY COLLIDE

Hurled more than twenty feet when the automobile he was driving was crashed into by a trolley car, William Meyer, 24 years old, of 737 Madison street, Brooklyn, narrowly escaped death early yesterday. The accident occurred at Sumner avenue and Madison street, Brooklyn. Nearly all the windows in the street car were broken, and the motor-man received painful injuries by being pinned between the motor box and the body of the car.

Meyer saw a trolley car of the Sumner avenue line approaching as he drove down Madison street, but thought he had time to get across ahead of it. The motorman, Dennis Murigara, of 101 Rogers avenue, put on speed at the same time to get across in front of the automobile, and the trolley crashed into the middle of the machine.

Policeman Ratta, of the Gates avenue station, saw the accident, and after carrying Meyer to a doorway and aiding in releasing the motorman, sent in a call to St. John's Hospital for an ambulance. Dr. Traux, who responded, dressed the wounds of both men, and they were taken home. None of the passengers in the car were injured.

## HARD JOB AHEAD OF ITALIAN ARMY

Turkish and Arab Allies in Tripoli Are by No Means Beaten, London Hears.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—While the reports of the victories of the Turks and Arabs in Tripoli are denied with the same regularity with which they reach here, confidential news from Africa, which was received here today, is that the Turkish army is by no means beaten as yet.

The Italian soldiers, it is declared, will have their work cut out for them before they are able to conquer the Turks and their allies. The bringing of the Arabs and Turkish soldiers together is declared by the officials of the Turkish army to have been one of the best things that could have happened for their army.

## SOUTH CHICAGO PAPER PLANT IS BLOWN UP

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The plant of The Daily Calumet, a newspaper published in South Chicago, was wrecked yesterday morning by persons believed to be members of a "black hand" organization. The press and linotype were smashed. Explosives were touched off under the press.

George W. Rolling, editor of the paper, has been active in a crusade against writers of "black hand" letters. He has received many threatening letters since several of the plotters were sent to the penitentiary a year ago as a result of the war he waged against them. The plant was located at 61st street and Erie avenue. Entrance to the office was made through a back door, which was broken in.

## FAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF TAFT ARE BARRED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The use of photographs of President Taft by Washington photographers who will "take your picture" shaking the hand of the Chief Executive for 25 cents, is today put under the ban of the United States Attorney.

Because a photographer reproduced his picture and depicted him conversing earnestly with a coal driver, President Roosevelt caused orders to be issued forbidding the use of his picture on "like photographs." When President Taft assumed office, photographers resumed the practice of the Chief Executive for such purposes.

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## CHARITY DINNERS MAIN FEATURE OF XMAS CELEBRATION

### Swell Society Does Annual Stunt of Feeding Victims.

THOUSANDS FILLED By-Products of Capitalism Try to Forget Their Misery for a Day.

"Eat, drink and be merry; for tomorrow we may die!" It was a very substantial of chicken, saffron rice, breaded sugar, tough fowl and stale bread, not to forget the usual church festival sort of candy, in which the poor of the city reveled yesterday, as bediamonded and furred and well-meaning ladies from "exclusive" and "fashionable" Fifth avenue parishes descended upon and viewed their "feasting" from boxes, balconies and other points of vantage.

Regardless of the anticipated horrors of the morrow, whether in the form of eviction marshals or morgue attendants, the Poor "fed," yes, even overfed. "Society" discharged itself nobly of its responsibility to the "masses," and then returned to Fifth avenue, Gramercy Park, Stuyvesant Square, the West End and Central Park, South, with a sense of benign indulgence for the frailties of human nature and the "evils" that have brought the poor to their present degraded state.

The leaders of every grade of "society" endowed with the wherewithal to provide annual refreshment for the Poor were well represented among the patrons of countless dinners—dinner for crippled, dinners for the blind, dinners for "little mothers," dinners for the "benighted" legions of the East Side, dinners for white poor, colored poor, Chinese poor, Irish poor, Jewish poor, German poor, all kinds of poor. An army of women, to whom falls the responsibility for providing for many and many a wretched tenement, hardly to be dignified by the word household, often accompanied by children, trudged to "depots," where their patronizing "betters" doled out provisions sufficient to last the unfortunate families—well, just so long as they might succeed in making them last. No "tips" were available as to when they might return for replenishment of their baskets, if perchance, replenishment should become necessary.

No "Tip" as to Future. With rare consideration for the feelings of the miserable applicants, whose spirits have been lowered to the depths of disgrace and despair by the "visitation" of Poverty, the ladies and gentlemen charged with the giving out of provisions, yesterday, tactfully refrained from suggesting that the baskets might at any time require replenishment. No, that would be an unnecessary suggestion that the applicant was "dependent" and "unworthy." So there was observed a vulgar and indecorous rush, a regular bargain-counter rush, upon the part of the vast numbers of basketed applicants, which in some cases warranted the detail of police and the accompaniment of constables and constabularies in language both racial and "picturesque."

The novelty has worn off the "darning party" of old, which, in its heyday, was a delightful pastime for the ennuil. And every Christmas "society" ever in search of the "novel" and the "picturesque," adjourns the gas station, euchre, the opera and play and a "session" down at the Bowery Mission, and each and every patron and patroness who witnesses from a safe distance the greedy consumption of the "bread line" of two sandwiches, three crackers and a second helping of "coffee," each, declares the whole to have been "just too inspiring for anything." "Crocodile tears," which are known to have been shed on these occasions by bediamonded, furred and well-meaning ladies, are not to be taken too seriously.

## FORM ON DOUGHNUTS BROUGHT TO LIGHT

If the spectacle of this Christmas did not move the fashionable world to moistened eyes, surely a portion of his own composition read "manuscript," by Frederick Thompson Martin, the society leader and fashionable auditor and lecturer, hundreds weep for very reason, the improvement provided about the noon yesterday, however, that the poor, the starving line of the wretched, but just the same, the "bread line" is short on "tips" for articles and indulgences. The "bread line" is short on "tips" for articles and indulgences. The "bread line" is short on "tips" for articles and indulgences.

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### WORKERS SUFFER ON FLORIDA RAILWAY

#### Slaves, Lured From Here to Erect Bridge, Stranded in Key West.

The horrible conditions under which the men working on the construction of the new bridge of the Florida East Coast Railway, connecting Miami with Key West, were disclosed yesterday by John O'Brien, a former London newspaper man, who was induced to go there under false pretenses, he says.

Most of the men working there were recruited by employment sharks in this city and Philadelphia and there are now several hundred stranded persons walking the streets of Key West with no means to live on. O'Brien told a Call reporter yesterday that the men who were taken from this city were recruited at 9 Delancy street, and promised all kinds of fine escape on their arrival in Florida. Free transportation is promised to the men, but upon their arrival they have to work sixteen days to pay for it. The men were asked for a number of iron workers and, as there are now many unemployed iron workers, they applied for jobs and were promised that they would be given work at their trade there, but when they arrived in Florida they were made to do laborers' work at \$1 a day of eleven hours. There is fifty-eight miles of water to be trestled and they were all made to work in the water drilling and doing other laborers' work.

The work is very hard, most of it being in the water, and the food is not sufficiently nourishing, after the expiration of the sixteen days the men fall in their tracks at work and they have to go to Key West and try to get a job to keep them alive. The men practically live on salt pork and mashed potatoes.

O'Brien said that in the morning the men get for breakfast coffee without milk and bread without butter, and at 5 o'clock they come in for dinner, at noon they are sent out again and they are called in at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The sleeping quarters are in house boats and barracks which are filthy and infested with vermin.

O'Brien said the quarters alone can put a man out of commission in short order as they are filthy, with no ventilation whatsoever. The quarters are very crowded and the odor there is very offensive and fetid. He said there are about 500 men now in Key West tramping the streets without anything to live on and there is no hope of them ever getting a job there.

There are no industries in or around Key West and they have not got the way to connect with the industrial cities around there.

The agency at 9 Delancy street is still continuing to hire men and sending them over by the Mallory Line boat Key West, promising good jobs upon their arrival there. There are many men there who are suffering from cramps on account of working in the water while others are suffering from other diseases. O'Brien said the workers there requested him to issue a warning to all iron workers and others through the columns of The Call to stay away from Florida and beware of fake employment agencies.

#### MOB CHOPS UP NEGRO.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 25.—King Davis, a negro, who last Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab, a white man, at Fairfield, was taken from the Brooklyn, Md., jail early today, and killed by a mob. Davis was chopped to death with hatchets. His body was frightfully mutilated.

### Arbeiter Kranken u. Sterbe-Kasse fuer die Ver. Staaten von America

Sick and Death Benefit Fund of the United States of America.

The above society was founded in the year 1884 by workmen imbued with the spirit of solidarity and Socialist thought. Its numerical strength (at present composed of 348 local branches with 24,100 male and 7,000 female members) is rapidly increasing among workmen who believe in the principles of the modern labor movement. Workmen between 18 and 45 years of age may be admitted to membership in any of the branches upon payment of an initiation fee of \$4.00 for the first class and \$3.00 for the second class. Members belonging to the first class are entitled to a sick benefit of \$9.00 for 40 weeks and of \$4.50 for another 40 weeks, whether continuous or with interruption. Members belonging to the second class receive under the same circumstances and length of time \$6.00 and \$3.00, respectively. \$250 death benefit guaranteed to the beneficiaries of every member, and the wives and unmarried daughters of members between 18 and 45 years of age may be admitted to the third class upon payment of an initiation fee of \$1.00. Monthly assessments are levied upon the three different classes of members of \$1.75 cents and 25 cents, respectively. Members at large are not accepted, but all candidates have to join existing branches. In cities and towns where no branch exists, a new branch can be formed by 12 workmen in good health, and men adhering to the above principles are invited to do so. Address all communications to William Meyer, Financial Secretary, 1-3

### MUST NOMINATE DELEGATES IN PA.

#### Local Philadelphia to Hold Special Meeting to Choose Representatives to Socialist Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—The following is a copy of a letter sent to the branch secretaries of Local Philadelphia Socialist party:

"Please notify your members at once that there will be a special meeting of Local Philadelphia, Sunday, December 31, at 7:30 p.m., at 312 North 9th street (The C. L. U.), for the purpose of nominating delegates to the national convention in 1912."

In connection with the nomination of delegates, State Secretary Robert B. Ringler, of Reading, has sent the following communication to the various locals:

"We must nominate delegates to the national convention at once. We cannot wait for notice from Chicago in January, on account of the new primary law."

"Each local, or all the branches in an unorganized county, may nominate twenty-six from any part of the State. Of course, it is not necessary that all organizations shall nominate the full number. Nominations must be in by January 4, 1912. Call a special meeting, if necessary. I must have the postoffice address of all nominees to ask whether they accept."

"We will nominate twenty-six and if our new apportionment lowers the number, the Comrades heading the list down to the last necessary to make our quotas to the list nominees in the primary election. Do not forget the date. Nominations close at this office January 4, 1912. This is necessary to allow us time to take referendum of the State. Do not wait for the last day. Act sooner, if possible."

### WATERFRONT WORKERS EXTEND ORGANIZATION

The officers of the Waterfront Federation, composed of the unions of marine workers, including the coastwise seamen in this port, will make preparations today for organizing the men in these trades in other ports, with a view of forming a national body on the lines of the Transport Workers' Union, of England. Henry P. Griffin, president of the Waterfront Federation, will start tomorrow on an organizing tour to Philadelphia, Mobile, Norfolk, Baltimore and New Orleans to confer with the officers of the local unions of marine workers, returning to this city on January 15.

"I expect," he said when seen, "to meet Ben Tillitt or Tom Mann, the British national labor organizer, here on January 15 and they will co-operate in the plan. We propose to bring all kinds of transport workers into a national union, so that in case of trouble there could be cooperation without loss of time."

The organization of the Waterfront Federation was the result of the last general strike of the coastwise seamen, cooks, stewards, coalpassers and others on the vessels of a number of the coastwise steamship lines. The strike was followed by labor agreements made by these and other lines.

### DEACON SHOOTS HIMSELF.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 25.—Olcott B. Colton, harness manufacturer, shot himself to death today. He was deacon in the Asylum Hill Congregational Church and had prepared to attend a Christmas service in the church with his family. Excusing himself for a moment, he ran to his room and killed himself. Insomnia is believed to have been the cause.

### SOME DENVER UNIONISTS DENOUNCE HAYWOOD

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 25.—Great interest was shown here today in the announcement by the officers of the Denver Trades and Labor Assembly that William D. Haywood, former secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners and a Socialist lecturer, had been scathingly denounced as an enemy to organized labor during yesterday's meeting of the assembly.

The denunciations were called forth by Haywood's remarks in the East a few days ago, in which he was quoted as having commended the McNamara brothers for their actions and declared in favor of force to secure the demands of organized labor.

One speaker referred to Haywood as a man who "does more harm to organized labor than any other five men in the country."

#### FOUR KILLED IN THEATER FIRE.

ARANZAZU, Mexico, Dec. 25.—More than a score of persons here are believed to be dying today as a result of injuries sustained last night when the Aranzazu Theater was destroyed by fire. There was a wild panic, in which more than a hundred persons were knocked down and trampled upon. Four were killed.

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### SOCIALIST WOMEN TO CUT BIG FIGURE IN COMING CAMPAIGN

#### Reports to Be Made at National Convention in Oklahoma City Will Show Phenomenal Progress in Organization Work.

By J. L. ENGDALH.  
(Correspondence to The Call.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Women will be one of the biggest factors working for Socialist progress during the coming Presidential year.

This fact will be brought to the front in no mistakable terms at the National Socialist Convention, to be held at Oklahoma City, Okla., opening May 12.

The reports that will come to this convention from the women will show a progress during the past year that has been nothing short of phenomenal. The spirit of the women's Socialist movement in the United States is shown in a report made to National Headquarters by Robert B. Ringler, State secretary of Pennsylvania. He says:

"We are in the front rank so far as membership is concerned, but possibly way behind so far as women members are concerned, and I believe it extremely important to boost this work at this time."

Miss Florence Wattles, of Elwood, Ind., is now making a six months' tour of Pennsylvania, and by the time it is finished it is believed that Pennsylvania will lead other States in the organization of its Socialist women, as it already leads in the organization of its men.

The keynote of triumph in the American women's Socialist movement is sounded by Catherine A. Lowe, general correspondent of the Women's National Committee, and is centered about the election in Los Angeles. She says:

"The Los Angeles election was a great inspiration for increased education and agitation among the women of the United States. It was a most encouraging sign of the intelligence among the women voters, owing to the fact that it has only been in the last few years that an organized effort has been made by the Socialist party to reach the women voters as well as the men."

"The women of Los Angeles cast just as many Socialist votes as the men, not more showing that the women vote as a class with the men, recognizing their class interests."

The National Socialist Congress of 1910, held in Chicago, the first of its kind, provided for a women's department at the National Headquarters of the Socialist party.

Caroline Lowe is kept busy as a result of this action. Caroline A. Lowe took up her duties at the National Socialist Party Office in Chicago in September, 1910, as the general correspondent of the Women's National Committee.

Since her inception into office, General Correspondent Lowe's career has been a strenuous one. It shows that with equal resources, the struggle for Socialism among the women of the nation can be made as great as the struggle among the men.

It is planned to put 1,000,000 leaflets, carrying a special Socialist appeal, into the hands of the women of the nation during the coming spring and summer.

The titles of some of these leaflets are: "Woman's Enfranchisement," by Miss Tupper Maynard; "To Wives of Millionaires," by Stern; "The Teacher and Socialism," by Caroline A. Lowe; "Why You Should Be a Socialist," by Theresa Malkiel; "Woman-Comrade and Equal," by Eugene Debs; "Poverty the Cause of Intemperance," by William Z. Foster; "Why the Professional Woman Should Be a Socialist," by May Wood Simons; "The Boy Scout Movement," by Mary O'Reilly; "To the Working Women," by Theresa Malkiel; "The Civil War," by William Z. Foster; "Elizabeth Cady Stanton on Socialism," by "Wimmin Ain't Got No Kick," by Kate Richards O'Hare; "Francis Willard on Socialism," by Socialism vs. Alcoholism; "Under the Fed Children," by John Spargo; "Crimes of Capitalism," by John M. Work.

This covers the field in which women are directly interested very well so far as it is possible. Socialist literature to cover it in its present stage of development.

### CHILD BUREAU BILL NATIONAL "GIFT"?

#### Not Designed to Affect States' Rights, Survey Points Out.

In outlining the scope of the children's bureau bill, which has just been favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous vote of the Committee on Labor, after being up in the Senate on December 11, the Survey, published by the Charities Publication Committee, declares that the expected early passage of the measure will be in the nature of a Christmas present from Uncle Sam.

Refuting the widespread misunderstanding that the bill seeks to usurp State's rights, the paper points to the fact that it is not designed even to affect the matter of child labor.

The Survey states:

The bill at present is on the calendar in both houses and there seems to be no reason for further delay. The measure now seems more likely to become law than at any previous time since it was introduced, five years ago. It was up in the Senate on Monday, December 11, when it was evident that a heavy majority of the members were in favor of it, but its further consideration was postponed following attacks from Senators Bailey of Texas and Hayburn of Idaho.

Both Senators apparently were under a misapprehension as to the scope of the measure. Senator Hayburn declared it meant the establishment of nurseries throughout the country to determine the wisdom of parents, and Senator Bailey feared it meant a menace to the authority of the States by the Federal Government.

There is a widespread misunderstanding of the purpose of the bill, which many seem to think is for a bureau to investigate and even legislate on child labor.

The proposed act does not contemplate any executive authority whatever, and purposes only to investigate and report upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and to child life. It, therefore, does not menace the "State's rights" principle, to which so many citizens both North and South are devoted.

Neither is it designed directly to affect the matter of child labor. The topics mentioned in the draft of the bill calling for the establishment of this bureau are infant mortality, the birth rate, physical degeneracy, orphanage, juvenile delinquency, juvenile courts, desertion, dangerous occupations, accidents and diseases, employment, and legislation affecting children in the various States and Territories.

Employers of child labor have no more legitimate reason to oppose the bill because it contemplates gathering information and reporting upon the conditions under which children are employed than have doctors and undertakers, because it proposes to deal with infant mortality.

It is an interesting fact that almost all of the arguments thus far brought forward against the project either on the floor of the Senate or outside of Congress, have been based on a misapprehension as to its scope and purpose. The children's bureau bill proposes to deal with all problems relating to the welfare of the children of the country, and ought to have speedy and friendly consideration in both Houses of Congress.

### BRANCH 4 MEMBERS, GET ON THE JOB

Branch 4 of Local New York, Socialist party, will hold an important meeting this evening at 8:30 sharp in Turn Hall, 305 West 54th street. R. H. Asquith, organizer of the Branch, in an appeal to the members to attend tonight's meeting, directs attention to the need of taking advantage of the great Socialist sentiment now prevailing before the enemy has time to sweep it into their own camp by advocating State Socialism.

In telling of the purpose of the meeting Asquith says:

"The committee has several plans to submit for your decision in regard to new headquarters, which are so greatly needed. Other business of special importance will also be taken up. We have two big Maurer meetings to arrange for. We must elect our officers for the coming big year. We must at this time vote on State Committee ballots."

"Now if all this really important business will not bring you to Turn Hall tonight we will know that unless you have a valid excuse for not coming you are not at all interested in the party or the cause that you have joined."

### STABBED WIFE SLAYS HUSBAND.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 25.—With a bullet through his body, John E. Sims, a hotel clerk, staggered into a corridor from his room today and fell dead. His widow was taken to a sanitarium with knife wounds in her neck. She said Sims stabbed her and she in turn stabbed him.

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### R. R. CAR INSPECTION FOUND INSUFFICIENT

#### Interstate C. C., in Report, Shows Startling Carelessness by Companies.

(By National Socialist Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—It is evident from the number of casualties to employes on railroads during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911, that the systems of car inspection now maintained by many of the railroads subject to the safety-appliance act are inefficient.

Thus speaks the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report, just published. The "inefficiency" of the systems of car inspection resulted last year in the killing of 299 and the injuring of 2,968 employes due to coupling accidents, and 666 fatalities and personal injury to 14,849 employes resulting from the presence of these workers on tops of cars.

There were 10,926 persons killed on the railroads during the year 1911. Of this number 356 were passengers, 2,871 employes on duty and the rest employes not on duty and "trespassers." Out of 156,159 persons injured, 13,433 were passengers and 45,848 employes on duty in train service.

The reports of accidents made to the Commission by carriers show that in the year ended June 30, 1902, 78 derailments were caused by broken rails, while in the year ended June 30, 1911, 249 derailments were due to the same cause. Broken rails which are due to defects in manufacture have caused 106 fatalities and 4,112 personal injuries in the last ten years.

Many needless accidents have been caused by broken and defective wheels. There were 986 derailments due to broken wheels in 1911. In many cases, says the Commission, the car wheels are made of improper material. It also suggests that such derailments could be lessened if the wheels would be more often inspected and replaced.

According to the Commission, a great many accidents occur on the railroads due to the lack of uniformity of rules and appliances among the various railroads. "Railroad operators," says the Commission, "are continually changing their locations and affiliations, and it is inevitable that confusion must result from their unfamiliarity with the rules effective in each new environment."

It is interesting to note that the Commission is not fooled by "sacredness of the judiciary" talk. Speaking of the judicial interpretations put on the law which forbids the employment of railway men for more than sixteen hours per day, it says:

"Several of the courts without rendering any formal opinion have ruled in prosecutions under this act that railroads were excused where after a train has started upon its run a delay has been caused by hot boxes, leaky flues, meeting trains and other incidents of railroad operation. Such rulings in the opinion of this Commission fall to interpret the statute in accordance with its letter and the Congressional intent. If such interpretation of the act were to prevail, the law as to the hours of train crews would be practically a dead letter and incapable of enforcement."

Along this line the Block Signal and Train Control Board complains:

"The board expresses the opinion that the time has come when something more than mere investigation is necessary, and believes that there should exist some central authority with power adequate to deal with the question of safety upon railroads in all its phases. It refers to the piecemeal character of existing safety legislation, and while commending the results obtained in the operation of existing laws, it does not believe that such results are at all commensurate with their cost both to the public and to the railroads."

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### NAVY YARD WORKERS TO SEE WAGE BOARD

Representatives of a large group of trade unions, who asked Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Withrop for the privilege of sending a committee representing the Navy Yard employes to the Board of Wages, got yesterday the following reply from Withrop:

"The department will permit employes of the navy yard to designate committees to represent them before the Board of Wages, although such committees may be composed of men who are not employes of the yard, and the commander has been advised to this effect."

### LET CRIMINALS SLAY SELVES, SAYS KENNEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Judoras Kenney, principal of the Cortlandt High School, New York, is quoted today as opposed to "the foolish care we take to prevent criminals from taking their own lives," and in favor of doctors being permitted to kill patients suffering from incurable fatal illnesses. He came here to address the Washington Secular League.

"Much money might be saved the State if those bent on destroying themselves were left to do as they desired," said Kenney. "The only way to raise the standard of humanity is by the survival of the fittest. The unfit must be destroyed and an excellent plan would be to tell them to 'kill themselves.'"

### ODD FELLOWS' HALL IN HOBOKEN BURNED

Odd Fellows' Hall, a historic structure in Washington street, Hoboken, was burned to the ground yesterday, just after 1,500 merry-makers attending a ball left the building.

Three alarms were sounded, but the firemen, seeing they could not save the building, turned their streams of water on adjoining houses.

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DEMOCRATS KNIFE LABOR ONCE MORE

Legislation in Favor of Workers Stands No Show at Washington.

(By National Socialist Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The Democratic party has knifed labor again. The party that in the last campaign received the support of certain leaders of organized labor has now conclusively proved just what it meant to do for the working class when it gave a chance.

When the Senate, mind you, the reactionary Senate, put in an amendment to the urgent deficiency bill allowing \$55,421 for traveling expenses for the underpaid and overworked railway mail clerks it was the Democratic House that insisted that this amendment be stricken out when the bill went to conference.

Again, when the same Senate amended the deficiency bill to appropriate \$50,000 to the Bureau of Mines, which needs money badly in its humane rescue work, it also refused to pass the Democratic House to insist that this amendment be dropped.

It seems that the Democrats are willing to pass labor legislation when there is not the slightest chance that such legislation would pass the Senate. But they act otherwise when it really requires their approval for such labor measures to become laws.

Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania, the Democratic expert and "fighter" for economy, put up a bluff against this mileage graft. He introduced an amendment to cut it down to 10 cents per mile. But Representative Mann, the Republican leader, showed him up when he forced him to admit that he had already signed a receipt for the 20-cent per mile allowance.

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SPORTS

WRESTLING FIASCO

Zyzysko-Ralcevic Match Ends Suddenly Through Misunderstanding by Italian Champion.

The Zyzysko-Ralcevic handicap wrestling contest ended in a fiasco last night at Madison Square through a mistake on the part of the Italian champion who, obtaining a half-length on his back as a signal of having placed both of Zyzysko's shoulders to the mat, whereas it was only intended as a command for both to go in the center of the canvas.

Jenkins called to Ralcevic, who had left the ring in the midst of the pandemonium, and he appeared willing enough to come back, but his seconds and friends refused to allow him to do so, claiming that he had won fairly. Jenkins stated later that the Folo's both shoulders were not planted squarely on the mat, stating that Zyzysko was lying half way on the mat, one shoulder being above the bare floor.

JOHNSON ACCEPTS FLYNN'S CHALLENGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Twenty-four hours after he returned to his home in Chicago, Jack Johnson received a challenge from Jim Flynn, foremost of the "white hopes." Flynn's wife, received by Johnson late yesterday, offered the black champion \$25,000 for his end, win, lose or draw.

TWO KILLED IN AUTO RACE.

Brothers Flung From Car Which Struck Bridge Parapet in Mexico. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—An impromptu automobile race from this place to Puebla cost two lives this morning. The brothers Jorge and Alfonso Cardenas were both killed. The car which they were driving ran into the parapet of a bridge. The two brothers were thrown out and both died in a few seconds. The car also struck a woman by the roadside, and injured her seriously.

JEANNETTE AFTER JACK, TOO.

Before leaving for Chicago where he expects to camp on the trail of Jack Johnson until he gets the latter to fight him, Joe Jeannette, the negro heavyweight, posted \$5,000 here to bind a match should Johnson agree. Jeannette declares he has the most supreme contempt for Johnson's fighting abilities. "He's only a moving picture fighter," said Jeannette.

OTOOLE'S SHOULDER NOW O. K.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—Marty O'Toole, the crack pitcher for whom Pittsburgh paid \$22,500, has just completed a course of treatment here, and he declares he is in the best shape of his career. Two years ago O'Toole had rheumatism in his shoulder, which seriously interfered with his work the latter part of last season.

BOUTS THIS WEEK

An Embarrassment of Riches Offered by Clubs to Patrons of the Fighting Game.

The last week of the old year will be fittingly observed with an avalanche of good pugilistic meets between men high up in scrapping circles of all different weights, sizes and fame. The managers of the local clubs have apparently spared no expense to give their patrons opportunities to witness fine cards.

Tonight Tommy Murphy and Joe Bedell meet at the Royale A. C. in Brooklyn. This will be Murphy's first fight since his return from Frisco, where he fought McFarland twenty rounds and made a surprising good impression. These lads met about a year ago and fought an even bout. Since then both have improved greatly. The semi-final between Harry Lott, who trains with Murphy, and Joe Marks is expected to be a fierce one.

Suburbans will also have some good boxing tonight up in Mt. Vernon, where Ty Cobb, the crack Philadelphia featherweight, and Young Ketchell are to mix it up for ten rounds or less under the auspices of the Mt. Vernon Sporting Club which has since its opening several months ago been holding slick shows. In the semi-final Eddie, of New Jersey, and Frankie Maher, of the East Side, are to do battle for six rounds.

Carl Morris, the Sepulpa "white hope," who, since his disastrous defeat by Jim Flynn, has been fighting extra well (as shown by the knock-outs he has secured in his three bouts since then), will hook up with Tom Kennedy, the "millionaire hope," tomorrow night at the Empire A. C. This bout should be a "ripper."

Wednesday night will also be a gala night for the East Side sports for the Houston A. C. has prepared fifty-two rounds of boxing in which leading boxers of the Ghetto region are signally featured. Four tens and two six round bouts will be given. Johnny Martin meets Joe Ballesin one round. Johnny Smith, who bested Benny Jones last week, will clash with Jimmy Jarvis in another one, while Young Fulton, a rapidly advancing featherweight, meets Johnny Harris in the third. Kid Ross, alleged to be a new Western under, will figure in the main bout with Joe Geller, who is lauded to the skies as a marvel. This mammoth card is really a dandy though a long one and should pack the club.

Two Smiths, Eddie and Howard, are the team that the Long Acre management has secured to enlighten their friends in the niceties of the game Wednesday evening. Both are experienced fighters and have been the heroes of many battles in which they have participated in the last few years. Eddie particularly has a big following in this city, he being a big favorite with the Bronx critics for he has resided in that borough for years. Howard comes from Jersey and made a creditable showing several weeks ago with Monte Date, who had previously given Battling Nelson a tough struggle up the State.

The bout between Al Kaufman and Al Palmer, at the National Sporting Club Thursday night, will be the real goods. The natural aggressiveness of Palmer assures the public every time he starts that there will be a fight, from the tap of the bell to the clanging of the finish. Kaufman has not been fighting about this city for the past ten years. Jimmy De Forrest, at whose quarters Kaufman is training, says that he is in the best condition of his life and that the New York public will see the best heavyweight battle that they have seen in years. The advance sale of tickets is reported to be very large. Young Brown will make his first appearance since his strong fight against Joe Coster, at the Houston A. C. Thursday night, when he hitches up with Packey Hommey, the Italian feather, in a scheduled ten-round skirmish which will undoubtedly develop into a brisk and stirring fight.

MUSIC

CHRISTMAS AUDIENCE, CROWDING BROADWAY THEATER, HEARS PREMIERE OF "THE WEDDING TRIP," LATEST COMIC OPERA BY REGINALD DE KOVEN, THE MEMORY OF WHOSE "ROBIN HOOD" SUFFICED TO AROUSE LIVELY INTEREST IN THE NEW OFFERING.

By HARRY CHAPIN PLUMMER. Environed in Dalmatia, that mysterious mountain land to eastward of the Adriatic, is the story of "The Wedding Trip," the latest operatic effort of Reginald de Koven, whose "Robin Hood" placed him in the forefront of contemporary light opera composers. "The Wedding Trip" had its first performance on any stage before a Christmas night audience crowding the Broadway Theater to capacity, which so demonstratively received the new work after the success of the principals of the first act that they were obliged to lead forth Mr. DeKoven. In a few words the composer told his enthusiastic audience that their reception of his opera had proved to be the best kind of a Christmas greeting for him.

The book of "The Wedding Trip," by Fred de Gresac and Harry B. Smith, concerns a bashful, timid youth, named Felix, and his bride, Fritz, whose nuptials are interrupted by a detachment of soldiers come to compel him to command an expedition against brigands peopling the mountain fastnesses. In the stead of his brother, Francois, whose amorous escapades in the neighborhood have led him into jail. Everywhere and by everybody mistaken for Francois, Felix is confronted with the consequences of his brother's promiscuous love-making, and he has his hands full making love not only to his bride, but to his brother's wife, Aza, a jealous spy maid, and Lotta, a tavern-keeper. He runs counter to Mafta, chief of the brigands infesting the country, continually falling over his sword, makes a sorry-looking soldier, but, in the end, becomes a lover bold and brave.

Lively comedy and livelier music are provided by Celeste, mother of Felix, Ignace, father of Fritz, Captain Josef, Szegitti, a musician, and Mafta, the brigand chief. The development of the opera is not particularly facilitated by the libretto which Messrs. Smith and de Gresac have builded there is much bright dialogue and much commonplace "business" and some of the jokes smack of a type of vaudeville which is—or was thought to be—extinct. A splendid setting has been given the three scenes, and the rise of the curtain upon the public square at Ragusa, with the blue Adriatic in perspective, and upon the mountain

"EIN WALZERTRAUM," ORIGINAL VERSION OF OSCAR STRAUS' VIENNESE OPERETTA, "THE WALTZ KING," PLEASINGLY MOUNTED AT WEBER'S MUSIC HALL AND EFFECTIVELY SUNG BY SOLOISTS LATELY HEARD AT IRVING PLACE THEATER.

Oscar Straus, in the mantle of his illustrious compatriot of a half century ago, Johann Straus, "The Waltz King," has done much to revive and perpetuate the beauties of the Viennese operetta of distinctive waltz themes and dainty romantic episodes. "Ein Walzertraum," which in an English version entitled "The Waltz Dream," is already familiar to New York, was sung at Weber's Music Hall, yesterday afternoon, by an ensemble whose chief soloists held forth recently at the Irving Place Theater, under the direction of Siegfried Glanz, in an operatic repertoire embracing such standard classics as Johann Straus' "Die Fledermaus" and "Wiener Blut," Zeller's "Der Vogelhändler" and Sailer's "Boccaccio." Max Winne conducted yesterday's performance and the principal roles were sung by Mmes. Grete Meyer, Auguste Richter and Vilma Conté, and MM. Földi Murauer, Theodor Lamberg, Jose Home and Richard Richter.

The exquisite refinement of the Straus instrumentation was emphasized by the character of M. Winne's work at the head of his fair-sized orchestra, and the detail of accompaniment provided the pretty love scene between Franz (Mme. Vilma Conté) and Niki (M. Murauer) early in the second act, was such as to combine with the excellent work of the two soloists named in the presentation of as delightful an ensemble as may be contemporaneously heard on or off Broadway. Mme. Conté, while always vivacious and sprightly in vocalization, should strive to divest her intonation of a certain shrillness and

Contagious humor and brightness of dialogue marked the work of M. Lamberg, M. Murauer and M. Home, respectively. Prince Joachim, Lieutenant Niki and Count Lothar. Mme. Grete Meyer was pleasing in voice as Princess Helene, and looked and acted with typical Viennese charm and coquetry. Mme. Richter was engaging and quite funny as Friedricke von Interberg, and in her small vocal part, was effective. The duet, "Love's Roundelay," sung by M. Murauer and M. Richter, showed these two young singers to be artists of decided musicianship merit; M. Richter is endowed with a baritone of organ-like fullness and resonance and he sings with schooled excellence.

A pas de deux arranged by Ottakar Bartik, balletmaster of the Metropolitan Opera House, figured in the first act, and engaged Miss. Vlasta Novotna and Mons. Avelino, of the erstwhile Folies Bergere, whose appearance as mere girl and boy enhanced the charm and grace of their performance.

DUNDEE CARTERS' STRIKE SETTLED

Miners Prepare for General Walkout and Labor Unrest Grows All Over England. LONDON, Dec. 25.—After a lengthy conference held between union officials and representatives of the company, the Dundee carters' strike was settled early yesterday morning, the workers having gained small concessions. The threatened coal strike will probably be called soon after the holidays. Conditions here seem to become worse every day and the labor unrest is growing rapidly all over England. The coal miners are all preparing for a general strike such as this country has never before witnessed. The miners are getting revolutionary and have ousted the conservative leaders who have for years headed their organization. The officials of the miners are all up to date revolutionary and they are determined to wage a fight to a finish to better the conditions of the coal diggers. There is also great dissatisfaction among the workers of the Thames Shipbuilding Yard, because of the action of Winston Churchill and the Admiralty of turning over a contract for the erection of a new battleship to Harvey and Portsmouth yards. The Thames workers think that a general strike in their industry and the other strikes to strike together with the other workers.

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TO FACILITATE STRIKES IN BUILDING TRADES

The New York Building Trades Council, representing most of the unions in the building trades, will at its meeting this week take up the question of an amendment to its constitution, which, if passed, would, its opponents think, tend to increase the prohibition of sympathetic strikes. The following are the principal features of the proposed amendment: "All agreements or demands for an advance in wages or an abridgment in the hours of labor must be presented to this council not less than three months prior to its going into effect so as to receive approval or disapproval. Agreements or demands shall give full particulars and shall be read at two meetings before final action is taken. If approval of by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present the demands shall then be submitted to the affiliated organizations for a referendum vote. Should a majority of the unions vote in favor of the agreements or demands all crafts affiliated with this council must support and assist by striking if necessary to enforce the agreement or demands."

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# SOCIALIST PROGRESS IN N. Y. REPORTED

## State Executive Committee Hear Good News From Various Locals.

At the meeting of the New York State Executive Committee of the Socialist party, held on Tuesday last, at which Fred Bennetts, of Yonkers, acted as chairman, the following members were present: Pauly, Hopkins, Fraser, Feuerstein, Bennetts, Heldman and Wall. Absent with excuse, Law and Burke.

Credentials were received for the following members of the committee, their terms of office to begin January 1: D. J. Van Emmerick, Madison county; Geo. A. Miller, Cortland; Jas. A. Mason, Jefferson; J. C. Rothery, Dutchess; F. L. Cole, Washington; W. J. Watson, Chenango; R. C. Smith, Seneca; C. S. Golden, Delaware; J. B. Till, Niagara; K. Eichele, Jr., Richmond; and G. Weaver, Warren.

The following charters for new locals were granted: Elmira Heights, Chemung county; Canisteo, Steuben county; Town of Ithaca, Tompkins county; Onondaga Hill, Onondaga county.

A number of communications were read from locals with reference to the usual general organization work in the State. Most of the communications were in the nature of reports of local conditions and plans for active work, meetings and lectures planned, etc. These communications show that the work of agitation is going on uninterruptedly throughout the State and that the Comrades are actively at work preparing the ground for a splendid Presidential campaign. New locals are being organized wherever an opportunity presents itself, as evidenced by the fact that four locals were organized recently through the efforts of Comrades from other localities.

### Local Report Progress.

Local Buffalo reported a good standing membership of about 500. It is contemplating publishing a weekly paper and plans are now maturing for the formation of a publishing company for that purpose. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and the local is at present engaged with the preparatory work necessary to make the Lyceum course of lectures a success.

Local Watertown reported the election of officers and suggested the publication of a leaflet giving an outline of the Socialist success at the November elections.

The Polish National Secretary reported the formation of a Polish branch in Auburn and, as usual, the application was referred to the local organization in that territory.

Local Geneva has arranged a series of four lectures in one of the largest halls in town. It will get in touch with the other locals in the county so that a county committee may be organized.

Local Fulton reported a steady increase in membership and that the local, although having a membership of about eight, not more than three months ago, is now numerically strong enough to undertake the work for the National Lyceum course, which will be given in Fulton under the auspices of the local.

Local Centerville Station reported on local conditions, and the difficulties which confront the local due to race prejudice, also about the dishonest actions of one of its former members.

Local Hornell reported on the formation of a local in Canisteo, which promises to be a great help in future campaigns in the county.

Local Ilion reported the admission of twelve new members during the last two months, and the election of new officers, and promised that it will

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be heard from often in the future. Local Town of Ithaca, recently organized, reported great success with its first social gathering held at the home of one of the Comrades; the affair was a decided success, both from a social as well as a financial point of view.

Local Silver Creek submitted the semi-annual membership report showing good progress in keeping the members in good standing. The finances of the local are gradually improving, and its members show more interest in party work than ever before.

Local Rochester reported the election of Comrade Callahan as organizer in place of Comrade Rothmund, who has been recently elected member of the State Committee.

Local Syracuse reported that steps had been taken to organize several of the small towns and villages in Onondaga County, and started out with an application for a charter for Local Onondaga Hill with more to follow.

Comrade Darrow, of Watertown, who had been deputized to attend a meeting of Local Ogdensburg and report on the contest over the election of a member of the State Committee to represent Franklin County, submitted a report. It appears from his report that the trouble arose over action taken on a communication from the State secretary at a special meeting, and were it not for the feelings of animosity between a few members, the incident would have been allowed to pass unnoticed. A new election took place in the presence of Comrade Darrow with the result that Comrade Brassard was re-elected as State Committeeman. In this connection a lengthy communication was read from one of the Comrades in Ogdensburg expressing his doubts on the legality of the second election, and giving his views on the cause of the dispute. After considering the case in all its phases, the State Executive Committee, composed of Comrade Darrow, and accepted the credential of Comrade Brassard, of Ogdensburg, as State Committeeman, to represent Franklin County.

State Committeemen Rohde, Hunt and Dolge submitted the following motion to a vote of the entire State Committee: "That the State Executive Committee be directed to refrain from further action in the Gloverville school election case, and refer same for action to the entire State Committee at its meeting in Binghamton January, 1912." This motion will be referred to the State Committeemen for a vote.

On motion it was decided to also refer to the January meeting of the State Committee the resolution of Local Kings County providing the two Socialists on the Gloverville School Board be required to resign their offices and failing to do so Local Gloverville be instructed to either suspend them or expel them from the party.

The delegate from Westchester requests that the National Executive Committee be asked to publish The Call editorial entitled, "The Silencing of Samuel," in leaflet form for use all over the county. On motion this was favorably acted upon by the State Executive Committee.

The State Secretary reported that the action of the State Executive Committee on the Phoenix-Local Troy case, the vote being 21 in favor to 3 against, a number of committeemen failing to vote.

The election of State Committeemen in counties composed of several locals is now going on all over the State, ballots having been sent to the locals, and efforts will be made to complete the election before the 15th of January and an opportunity will be given to the new members to be present at the Binghamton meeting of the State Committee.

The secretary submitted the following financial report for the month of November: Total income \$1,031.41, as follows: Due stamps (\$362 due stamp sold), \$336.35; charter fees, \$11.10; speakers, \$45; dues, \$88.60; balance, \$334.48. The expense for the month amounted to \$395.20, subdivided as follows: Due stamps, \$400; speakers, \$277.31; literature, \$6; stenographer, \$48; rent, \$10; election returns, \$14.90; telegrams and expressage, \$6.40; postage, \$39.20; loan repaid, \$50; Schenectady, \$26.29; stationery and supplies, \$10. Balance on hand December 1, \$136.21.

### New Primary Law Important.

The question of the new Primary Law and its effect on the State organization was taken up. The subcommittee previously elected for this purpose not being ready with its report, the law in general was discussed. It was consensus of opinion that special notices be placed in the Socialist papers urging the members and sympathizers in all such places where the new law provided for enrollment by mail, not later than Tuesday, January 1912, to fill out the enrollment blanks and enroll under the Socialist party by mailing their enrollment blanks to the proper officials.

This is very important and unless this is done the party may not be in a position to put up party tickets at the coming elections in November. This is also necessary in order to make it possible to elect delegates to the county and other party committees.

The preparation of rules for the conduct of all official committees, as well as rules for the official State committees will be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

Karl Heldmann brought up the subject of agitation among negroes and urged that the State Executive Committee be authorized to give financial assistance to Local New York which has created a special fund for that purpose. It was decided to contribute the sum of \$10 per month for six months.

It was decided that in future the State Secretary shall submit to the State Executive Committee the weekly national bulletin so that the committee may be acquainted with motions and actions pending before the National Committee and be able to give instructions to the National Committee from the State of New York.

# SOCIALIST NEWS OF THE DAY

All matter intended for publication in this department must positively be in this office by noon of the day preceding that on which it is to appear. The publication of matter telephoned in cannot be assured. All meetings begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

## MANHATTAN AND BRONX

### Branch Meetings Tonight.

Branch 2—All of Branch 2 are urged to be present at the regular meeting tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. Those that want to be in good standing should come prepared to pay their dues, as the list is nearly completed and will shortly be forwarded to the organizer of Local New York. Don't forget that tonight will be election of officers for the new term.

Branch 4—Branch 4 will hold its regular meeting at 305 West 54th Street, this evening at 8:30 sharp. Election of officers for the next year will take place. The report of the new Headquarters Committee will be received, and the advisability of renting the house they have in view, will be taken up as one of the important considerations of the evening.

### Branch 5 Notice:

In response to the action taken at the last meeting of the branch the Lyceum Lecture Committee requests the Comrades to please read the announcement under the head "Bronx Lectures"

### Branch 6 Ball Saturday.

The annual reception and ball of Branch 6 will be given at the Labor Temple Saturday evening, December 30. A good time is promised to all who attend. In closing the old year Branch 6 is desirous of starting out on the New Year with a substantial purse, so as to be able to carry on its propaganda of education, and agitation for the Socialist cause.

### Bronx Lectures.

New dates for the National Lyceum course of lectures in the Bronx have been made. The lectures will be on Friday nights: March 1, March 15, March 22, March 29 and April 5. The location is the Bronx Labor Lyceum, 707 Courtland Avenue, near 154th street. The change in dates from those first announced was caused by the National Office confusing the different New York branches and giving different branches the same dates. These dates in March will enable us to reach many non-Socialists and not only bring them to the lectures, but put into their hands the literature that is free with each ticket. Take advantage of this opportunity Comrades—get tickets now and sell them to your fellow workers and friends.

Tickets may be had in Branch 3 from Comrade Richenthal, the German Branch from Comrade Dresher, Branch 3 Comrade Fridel and at the Bronx Forum, 1262 Fulton avenue. By mail from Phil Erstein, 724 East 158 street, Bronx upon receipt of price. Season-tickets are \$1.

## BROOKLYN.

### Party Meeting Lecture.

Comrade Harry Watson will lecture this evening on "The Fetichism of Liberty and Individualism" at the regular general party meeting at Haviland Hall, 399 Classon avenue. Discussion will follow the lecture. Members are requested to be on hand early, in order to give more time for discussion. Also to note that the next lecture will be held at the party headquarters, 957 Willoughby avenue, Tuesday, January 2, 1912.

### Branch Meetings Tonight.

Branch 2, 23rd A. D.—A meeting of Branch 2 of the 23rd A. D. will be held tonight at 1701 Pitkin avenue. Election of officers, vote on State committee and other important matters will be taken up.

11th and 17th A. D.—A regular business meeting of the 11th and 17th A. D. will be held this evening at Haviland Hall, 399 Classon avenue, and owing to the lecture arranged by Local Kings, the meeting will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. Ballots will be on hand to vote on the Fruchter-Gerber case and the election of State Committee and branch organizer. The lectures which have been held on Thursday nights have been discontinued.

### Literature at Party Office.

Thirty thousand of the Brooklyn Socialist are at hand at the party office ready for distribution. The Literature Committee and organizers of the various subdivisions are requested to call and get their supply at once. Twenty thousand copies of a leaflet containing the editorials from The Call regarding the McNamara case are also at hand, and should be distributed as soon as possible. Organizers are requested to call for them.

### E. LINDGREN, Organizer Local Kings.

### Minutes Central Committee.

The Central Committee of Local Kings met at party headquarters, 957 Willoughby avenue, Saturday, December 23. L. Wasserman was elected chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read. Two delegates from the 11th A. D., Branch 2, and one from the 15th A. D., Branch 1, were seated.

A resolution from the 15th A. D.: That we initiate a national referendum to the effect that all congressional bills introduced by Socialist Congressmen be passed by the N. E. C. and then published in the Socialist press sixty days prior to their introduction in Congress, was referred on motion to the general party meeting where delegates to the national convention will be elected.

A letter from the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum Association regarding its enlarged garden was received. A letter from the 6th A. D., Branch 1, regarding the Gerber referendum was tabled. A letter from the Rand School asking permission to circulate the branches was read, no action

being taken, owing to the fact that no cards were received.

A letter from Local Watertown, N. Y., inclosed five tickets of membership to the Socialist Club of that city. A motion was carried that we return the tickets, the organizer being instructed to reply that owing to our large indebtedness, we are unable to do anything to help them.

The matter of the party ownership of the press came up for discussion. On motion, it was decided to lay the matter over until the first meeting in February, so that all the branches can instruct their delegates how to vote on the proposition. An amendment that we lay the matter over for a year was lost.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee that I. Sternberger, of the 15th A. D. be expelled without the formality of electing a grievance committee, for having acknowledged that he had voted for the Republican ticket at the last election, was concurred in.

The organizer reported that he had distributed the petitions for old age pensions; that 20,000 copies of The Call editorials on the McNamara case would be ready for delivery on Tuesday; that 65 copies of "War, What For?" were still on hand; that the official General Committee had met the previous Saturday, elected officers and appointed a committee to draw up rules in accordance with the new Primary Law; that H. Watson will speak on the subject of "The Fetichism of Liberty and Individualism" at the next party meeting at Haviland Hall, Tuesday, December 26; that 45 of subscription cards for the International Socialist Review were for sale in the office; that Gerald M. P. Fitzgibbon had been discharged; that Rubinfeld and Cozena had been found guilty and sentence suspended; that the party owed about \$600 and that money was urgently needed.

A motion to discontinue the party meetings at Haviland Hall was lost. An amendment that they be transferred to the party office was carried.

A motion that the subdivision be

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Federation, demanding that if disappearance of the article in question, and that until it so disappears, the local withdraw its support. A motion to lay this matter over to the next meeting was carried.

H. USWALD,  
Secretary Local Kings County.

## NEW JERSEY.

### Paterson.

There will be a meeting tonight of the General Committee of the Lyceum course arranged through the National Lyceum Bureau. The dates have now been assigned as follows: February 6, 20 and 27, March 3 and 12 and it is now up to the Comrades to get busy and sell tickets and make the lectures a great success. The standing of the branches and number of tickets paid for is as follows: Branch 1, Paterson, \$15; Branch 2, Paterson, \$75; Branch 3, Paterson, \$25; Branch 5, Paterson, \$16; Branch 7, Paterson, \$9; Branch Haledon, \$5; Branch North Haledon, \$3; Branch 1, Passaic, \$3. Total, \$151.

## OKLAHOMA.

S. M. Brewster, the Assistant Attorney General of Oklahoma, who formerly served two terms as State Senator, and who has been denounced in the past as a standpat conservative, has announced his conversion to Socialism. His conversion came recently when he was taking an automobile ride through the boulevard system of Kansas City. In speaking of his trip, Brewster says:

"I saw many beautiful and stately homes on the drive. The boulevards are grand. They wind around past the palaces of Kansas City millionaires

## IMPORTANT TO SOCIALISTS IN RURAL ELECTION DISTRICTS

The new Primary Law of New York State provides that delegates to all party committees and nominations of candidates for all offices except State, town, village and school district officers, are to be made by the enrolled voters of each party at the primary elections. It is, therefore, very essential that every party member and sympathizer shall enroll under the emblem of the Socialist party, the Arm and Torch. As in most of the up-State counties there was no official enrollment at the last registration of voters, the new Primary Election Law makes it possible for all voters who desire to enroll officially with their party to do so by mail.

For this purpose the law requires that the Board of Primary Inspectors shall mail, in districts where there has been no party enrollment in the past, to their several postoffice addresses enrollment blanks to all voters whose names appear upon the registration books, and who are not enrolled with any party. These enrollment blanks shall be filled out and mailed to the chairman of the Primary Board of Inspectors so that it will reach him on or before Tuesday, January 2, 1912. The names of all such voters who have filled out these enrollment blanks and have mailed them before January 2, 1912, will be entered on the enrollment books in their respective districts, and will have a right to participate in all the primary elections in the year 1912.

It is the duty of every Socialist and sympathizer to take advantage of this matter, and not only enroll himself, but also urge all other Socialists and sympathizers in their localities to do likewise. Remember that unless your enrollment blank is received by the chairman of the Board of Primary Inspectors in your district on or before January 2, 1912, your name will not be placed on the enrollment book, and you will have no right to participate in any primaries of the Socialist party in the year 1912.

These instructions apply only to such places where no enrollment was held last October, and to all those who did not enroll at the special enrollment days on the first and second Tuesdays in December. Remember to enroll under the emblem of the Socialist party by making a cross on the enrollment blank under the Arm and Torch, the emblem of the Socialist party.

asked to contribute toward paying off the indebtedness of the local was carried. A motion that at all party affairs one quarter of the net profit made be given to branches in proportion to the number of tickets they sell, was carried. A motion that 10 cent special dues stamps be issued for special months was lost. A motion that 10 per cent of the profits of all entertainments, etc., run by branches be donated to the local was carried. A motion that a Committee of Ways and Means to raise funds be elected, was carried. A motion that the Executive Committee act as such committee was carried.

A letter from B. Wolff preferred charges against H. Watson for calling him a vile name. H. Watson objected to the election of a Grievance Committee, as the charges were not specific. The chairman ruled they were. Watson objected. The question being put to the house, the chair was overruled, and the communication was referred back to B. Wolff, for definite charges.

Forty-three members were admitted to the party. The financial report was \$428.33 income. The expense was \$260.62. Balance, \$167.71.

The report of the McNamara Defense Conference was accepted. Comrade E. M. Fraser, organizer of the Socialist Sunday Schools of Brooklyn, reported five schools in active operation. On motion, Comrade Fraser was instructed to purchase the history outlines furnished by the Sunday School Union, but not the economic outlines. On motion, Mrs. Brightwood's "Economic Outlines" were referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

The State Committee reported that our motion on the Gloverville case had been carried, and referred to the entire State Committee which will meet on January 21.

On motion the organizer was instructed to write Comrade Fall, of the Lecture Committee, regarding the misunderstanding about L. B. Boudin's lecture engagements. A motion was carried that an agitation committee of five be elected to draw up a plan for systematic distribution of literature over the following Christmas being elected: Wall, Lichtenfeld, Hurak, Schwartz and Harrison.

A discussion arose regarding the publication of an article on J. Baroness, in the Zukunft. It was moved that the local protest to the Zukunft

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self slightly before making the same mistake again."

## COLORADO.

The request of Socialist Chief of Police Hutchinson of Grand Junction to have the school board allow the city the use of four vacant lots, which are school property, for the purpose of establishing a municipal wood yard so as to give work to the unemployed, was refused by the school board, which claimed that the wood yard would look to unsightly.

"I will guarantee," stated Chief of Police Hutchinson, "that I will keep those lots in a great deal more sightly condition if the school board will permit the establishment of the municipal wood yard upon them than they have in years or are now. All I ask is the permission of the school board to let the city commissioners establish the yard.

"When the board talks of the yard being unsightly it strikes me that the most 'unsightly' thing that can be found about a city is a man in need of a meal. That is what this wood yard will remove and prevent if the school board will let us use the people's property to put it on."

Petitions are being circulated asking the school board to reconsider their action. It is thought they will grant permission, as the people of the city are solidly behind the Socialist chief of police in his demand for the creation of the yard.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight at 8 o'clock a regular meeting of the Benevolent Society of the United States for the Propagation of Cremation, Branch 84, will be held at Hungler's Office, 15 McDougal street, Brooklyn. All officers should attend. Members should bring applicants for membership to this meeting.

A musical program arranged by Miss Ray Barnett will be given this evening in the auditorium of the Hebrew Educational Society, Pitkin avenue and Watkins street, Brooklyn. On Saturday evening, December 30, a dramatic entertainment will be given by the Young Associates Club, at the society's building, and on Tuesday, January 2, an address

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## Violence in Labor Wars

Gene Debs states his opinion in an article on the McNamara confessions in the January International Socialist Review. Debs, as we all know, was the principal figure in one of the most bitterly fought labor wars in American history. He knows what he is talking about. His views are worth reading—written in his characteristically vigorous and outspoken style. In the same number Frank Bohn also discusses the same subject.

Farmers will find something of unusual interest in the facts pertaining to "The Enormous Theft of Texas Lands," by Gustavus Myers. Tenant farmers who wonder why they remain poor will find the explanation of this article.

If you are in the least hazy as to certain points in the difference between Capital and Labor you will be greatly helped by the terse and snappy catechism written by Archibald Crawford, the South African labor editor.

The Machine Process, as applied to the modern coal mine, is ably set forth by Edgar Llewellyn. Four thousand of the most despised grade of workers recently upset the entire city of New York. W. D. Hayward tells how. Phillips Russell presents a study in distribution in an analysis of the workings of the big retail mail-order house of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Louis Weitz describes the Young Socialist Movement in America. W. E. Frankweiler tells something new about a Sailor's Life.

There is other matter of more than ordinary interest. The Review is packed full of meat from cover to cover, and it's growing steadily. This coming year it is going to be greatly enlarged and improved. There is not only going to be better reading matter, but more of it. 10 cents a copy; \$1 a year; 20 copies or more, 5 cents each. We furnish bundles on credit. Hustlers please write.

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Two very eloquent preachers, Dr. Silverman, of the Temple Emanu-El, and Dr. Wise, of the Free Synagogue, selected on Sunday as subjects of their sermons, lectures or addresses, practically the same topic—lawlessness in America. Dr. Silverman has the reputation of being orthodox in theology and somewhat liberal in his social ideas, while Dr. Wise is supposed to be liberal both in theology and in his opinions on social matters.

BRINGING HOME THE Summary and Conclusion

It should be no cause for wonder that the Socialists of Milwaukee are having the fight of their lives. When they first won they were described as well-meaning reformers, who would find that things work out differently in practice than they seem in theory.

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One has gone to brute and reptile, and in such similitudes Found his soul a fitting answer, for its pessimistic mood.

PENSIONS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Editor of The Call: A great deal of public attention is being called just now to the necessity of establishing a pension law for federal civil employees.