# STEEL CO. GIVE IN TO WORKERS! WILL FIX WAGE SCALES SOON

**Bosses Will Meet With Union** Committees; Men Go Back to Work

TRIAL AGREEMENT MADE Glavis and Pinchot Tear Slain Workmen Will Lie in

Men Hope for End of Abuses of Bribery and Corruption

The strike in the Standard Steel Car company, Hammond, Ind., is settled at least for the present, and the 1,500 strikers returned to work this morning agreement entered into between the workers is tentative, and the conons asked for by the men are con ceded by the company.

contract entered into is no writing, the men will wait and see at the union crusher offspring of the big Pennsylvania trusts will do to live up to its promises. Following the tricky maneuvers of H. B. Douglas, manager of the plant, revealed last week, the workers are wary and will against other treacherous at-

last votes on the proposition of eturning to work were taken this norning at the headquarters of the organization in the Schuba hall, 725 Fields enue. The men marched to work a body, happy as an army returning

n who fought alongside of the en in the struggle which lasted two seeks followed the line of men fromthe hall to the shops in triumphal pro-cession. They waved handkerchiefs, and clapped hands when the announcecame from the hall that the men

very man who struck was taken k, and no one of them will be dis-minated against, it is said. The comagreed that the grievances t "back rent" would be redressed e will have to pay rent on company houses when not occupied by him. Bribery which had been extorted from the workers will be abolished, and all who try to maintain it will be summarily discharged from the services of the company. Grievances arising among the workers will be duly heard, and the

the workers will be duly heard, and the working organization is recognized. There will be a raise in the wages of all the men working in the shops.

The agreement applies automatically to all the men that the company will employ. Plans are projected by the company to extend the shops for an additional force of 4,000 men. These say the union leaders will also be subject to the new terms. It is the hope of the workers to exact the terms of the orkers to exact the terms of the greement by virtue of the need for it men in the industry. Officers of the Standard Steel Car

discussion with representatives of the workers. The concessions asked for by the workers had been outlined several days ago, when the company was informed of them. H. P. Deservice informed of them. H. B. Douglas the leaders to understand on Friday that they would be acceptable to the firm, but repudiated the agreement the

The question of recognizing the work-ers as a union was the stumbling block. Mayor Lawrence Becker of Hammond, who was instrumental in bringing about the settlement, asserted that the company would never accept it. It is well known to all who followed the history of the organization that wells history of the organization that union-ism is the greatest thorn in its side. Mayor Becker cas been in the execu-tive position for six years, and knows

The company agreed to adjust the wages in a conference with a commit-

Voting on the proposition to return to work on the gather indefinite agreement of the company was started Saturday. Fifty riveters who were the first to go out on the strike refused to return until the firm definitely acknowledges the organization and decident the parties.

The ball was held to raise funds for the others are paid II cents an hour. The demand was an increase of from 10 to 20 per cent for these men. The riveters are receiving 22 and as an increase of from 10 to 20 per cent for these men. The return of the men. In the shops. They objected to an arbitration committee the II cents an hour. They objected to an arbitration committee men be shope. They objected to an arbitration committee men be guestion, which they grared would potent the matter for months. All agreed to return this mornian.

All agreed to return this mornian. The agreement of the guestion. Which they grared was centation of this country yet has room and a divide sauring a firm the Young Mayor Becker addressed the strikers saurinday afternoon. The agreement offered you'ls the best that can be secured for the present. It is study. Considered and Mayor Becker addressed the strikers saurinday afternoon. The agreement offered you'ls the best that can be secured for the present. It is study that their making a livelihood.

(Constinued on Pap Two)

# PINCHOT TAKES STAND TODAY AS TAFT WORRIES

Is involved in Fate of Sec. Ballinger

Holes in Armor of Thieves' Defense

Glavis will, it is expected, again be a central figure this afternoon when the vestigation of the facts in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Glavis, in his testimony given at Saturday's session, made statements regarding Representa officers of the firm and the leaders of kaid of Nebraska, in connection with certain Alaska coal fand claims, that those men, or their friends, will not permit to pass without challenge and questioning. It is expected that Glavis will be subjected to a steady fire of interrogatives when he resumes the

After being commissioner of the land office Mr. Ballinger, now secretary of the interior, acted as attorney for Kincaid, according to the testimony Glavis. As to McLachlan, Glavis testi-fied that Ballinger had suggested to him that the investigation against the California congressman be not pursued. Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—The po-litical future of President Taft hangs in the balance with the scales against him, because of his position in the Bal-linger-Pinchot fight and the sensation al disclosures nade by Special Agent innocently or for the purpose of political policy the profector of powerful men who have pilfered the public domain. Tast as well as Ballinger when Taft should have retained Pinchot with the confidence of e behind him stood up against the people behind him stood up and Pinchot land thieves and Taft removed Pinchot and now Glavis has come back with proofs that call for the removal of Ballinger, whom Taft has defended.

Ballinger Directly Accused

The charges Glavis has made have been thus summarized: 1 Rallinger advised his clinets the Wilson Coal company case to de-fraud the government through perjury. 2. Ballinger, as commissioner of the land office, sought to help defraud the ing of the Cunningham claims upon at old report of Special Agent Love, who was prejudiced.

3. Ballinger acted improperly in accounted for the

septing employment as counsel for the Cunningham claimants after retiring from the commissionership of the land

4. Ballinger was behind the Pierce decision, which, if sustained, would have sent the Cunningham claims to patent, but which was overruled by the attorney general.

5. Ballinger was misleading in hi

published statements that he has had nothing to do with the Aler's claims since becoming secretary of G. interior and in his declaration to President Taff in reference to his connection with the

Alaska claims

6. Bailinger asked Glavis to delay
the examination of the Alaska claims
that he might have a better chance to

get campaign contributions.

The evidence presented consists of letters, of statements made to the government agents and of material of the general strength on which it is the custom of the government in other cases to prosecute.

wages in a conference with a committee of the workers. The men were given to understand that a raise would be given for every department. The committee will consist of three men from the workers and three men representing the firm. If these will fail to agree on a scale, z seventh man will be selected by them. The majority vote of the final arbitration body will decide the scale finally.

Vote Began Saturday

Voting on the proposition to return to work on the gather indefinite agree-

# BIG TRENCH MINE DEAD

President's Political Future Nameless, Rotted Bodies to Be Hauled Up From Cherry Mine

TRIAL IS NOW GOING ON WIDOWS ARE IN FRENZY

Huge Grave Half a Mile Long

Every one of them is drawing her hear strings tight, clinching her teeth to undergo the ordeal of the exhumation of bodies that is expected to take place following the unsealing of the ghastly destroyed on Nov. 13, which brough death to more than 300 men.

Twenty grave diggers have been en gaged to dig a ditch half a mile in length just behind the little village for the burial of the exhumed victims. The scene developed in the state since the Iroquois theater horror. The physicians and nurses have made all preparation for a strenuous week. The clergy are planning to make the ceremonies brief, that the ordeal might be gone through within the briefest time possible. The wailing and the grief of the mourners mencing with terror.

To avoid much of the grewsomeness of the situation it has been suggested that the bodies be destroyed by chemicals in the mine galleries. This propo-sition, though unofficially made, has met with the most grim opposition from the widows, children and rela-tives of the dead workers. They insist that they be allowed to look once more on the forms of their beloved relatives, to give them Christian burial and to recover, if possible, some personal to-ken of the deceased, such as a ring, a watch, or at least a pocket kuife.

#### Under Pall of Snow

Snow storms and prairie winds have intensified the mood of Cherry to grim-ness. The village is desolate. The mine shaft about to give up the dead rises more ghastly than it did when the volumes of smoke were belching forth. This time it will give up en-tombed bodies, mutilisted, limb torn from body, decapitated, with skulls crushed in, and decomposed beyond recognition.

The mine will be entered first by men protected with oxygen heimets. It will be explored to ascertain if the fire is not smouldering in any place. If the conditions prove favorable, the fan will be started to suck in fresh air Any smouldering fire will have to be extinguished and 2,000,000 gallons of

It is thought that scores of bodies are floating on this water in the bot-tom of the mine. More than 200 corpses are heaped in various parts of the sec ond level. Many of them are entangled in debris of the ruined structure. The conditions will present no little trouble to the workers that will be sent down to explore the galleries and to plan the operation of exhuming the bodies. What to do with the women that will besiege the mine when the shaft is un-

besiege the mine when the shart is unsealed is also one of the grave problems. The women, while awaiting the
sad event stolcally, are expected to become beyond control under the strain
of grief. A number of special sheriffs
will probably be impressed into service, to keep the grief stricken from

vice, to keep the grief stricken from serious dangers.

W. W. Taylor, manager of the St. Paul Mine company, does a not offer much hope that the mine will be emptited of its dead before the end of the week, as much preliminary work must be performed. It is even possible that the fire might break out afresh and force the rescaling of the mine for another long period. Tests made last week for fire and gases, however, indicated that the work of clearing the mine could go forward.

# CONVENTION TO MOVE ON TOLEDO TO MEET BOSSES?

THEORY VS. PRACTICE



BINES' LITTLE ARGUMENT

BINKS' BIG APPETITE

## M'CANN GIVEN ONE TO 5 YEARS **STATE'S PRISON**

Police Inspector, Found Guilty of Graft, Hears Sentence From Judge

WILL MAKE AN APPEAL

Col. Lewis Plans Effort to Set Aside Finding of the Court

Inspector Edward McCann was so enced by Judge Barnes to an indeter minate term of from one to five year minate term of from one to five years in the penitentiary for accepting bribes from resort keepers in the Desplaines street police district, of which he formerly was commanding officer.

McCann, seated in his chair, beard the sentence without any show of emotion. Contrary to the usual form, Judge Barnes did not call him before the court, but passed sentence simply by saving:

other long period. Tests made last week for fire and gases, however, indicated that the work of clearing the mine could go forward.

'TALL SPENDER' WITH ANCIENT NAME IS DYING A PAUPER New Orleans. Feb. k—Three days ago Lewis Tewksbury of New York proposed to promote the building of a \$2,000,000 hotel in New Orleans. Today he lies in what is believed to be a dying condition as a charity patient in a local hospital. He fell from a bootblack stand here Friday and sustained a fracture of the skull.

It is said that Tewksbury had a meteoric financial career in New York, where he is reputed to heave a motion for a certificate of reasonable doubt and the issuance of a writ of supersedeas, permitting McCann his liberty on nord.

Lewis Tried Goup

Colonel Lewis sprang a surprise at the last moment when he made a motion

# GENTRY GUILTY: STAY AWAY IS SENT TO PEN FROM LEAD,

Pandering Proved Against Man; Other Charges to Follow Soon

Clarence Gentry of Memphis, Tenn who induced sixteen year old Mildred Clark to come from Nashville, Tenn., to of Ill fame at 2117 Armour avenue, sentenced to six months in the house of correction and fined \$300 and costs before Judge Going of the Municipal ourt late Saturday.

The charge was pandering.

The prosecutors were Clifford Roe and James P, Harrold, former assistant state's attorneys of Cook county. The grand jury now in session is expected to vote indictments against Gentry on the charge of inducing a girl under age from another state into this for immoral purposes.

Similar indictments are looked for against Maude Wood, the keeper of the resort on Armour avenue. If convicted the maximum penalty is five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000. The prosecutors were Clifford Roe

# LEWIS' THEME IS 'AGE OF REASON

A large and enthusiastic audier gathered at the Garrick yesterday morning to do honor to the memory of Thomas Paine. Lewis in his 'ecture told the story of his early life and the part he played in the American revolution. The "Age of Reason" was laid over for a special secture to be delivered two weeks from next Sanday. The tickets for the Darrow-Lewis de-bate next Sunday are on sale at the box office of the theater every day and evening. Box sents 75 cents. Main flor- and first balcony 50 cents. Sec-end balcony, 25 cents.

### Waging War on Steel Trust

New York, Feb. 1.—in a circular which is being sent out today from the national headquarters of several labor organizations the 5,000,000 members of labor unions and farmers' granges throughout the United States are forlabor unions and farmers' granges throughout the United States are formally asked by Samuel Gompess to contribute 19 cents, each to fight the steel trust. Mr. Gompers says the unions are acting "in self defense and in protection of the American standards of life and of American institutions."

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# **SAY MINERS**

Socialists Join Fight Against Homestake Lockout and Warn Workers

pany who are standing out for the right to maintain their different labor organizations against the company's mandate, that hereafter the Homestake Mining company will not employ any union men. Do not be deceived by the company's agents, who are circulating in all parts of the country trying to

Miners Consider Huge Demonstration to Force Wage Increase; Act Soon

MAY AID FREE SPEECH

## Resolution to Help Workmen at Spokane Sent to **Executive Board**

BY J. L. ENGDAHL

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 1-Demands for a 15 per cent raise in wages are to be presented to the bituminous coal perators of the country by the scale summittee of the United Mine Workers of America. This was practically the decision reached by the committee after an all-Sunday session at the Enslish hotel, during which a wage scale for the ensuing two years, to be agreed upon with the mine owners, was up for discussion.

The report of the committee The report of the committee will be submitted to the convention some fime today (Monday), as a special order of business. It is expected that the report will precipitate an enthusiastic discussion over the advanced cost in living, which makes the wage increase at this time an absolute necessity.

Report on Explosives

In addition to the wage controversy the committee will also make its report on the question of the new explosives forced upon the Pennsylvania miners the committee will also make its report on the question of the new explosives forced upon the Pennsylvania miners by the government authorities and mine owners. The question of the en-tire convention going to Toledo, O. to attend the joint conference to be held with the operators opening Tuesday, will also be settled before the day is

now trying to get along with the same wages they received four, six and eight years ago, while food prices during the

any trouble. There are others, ever, who believe that the operat-will put up the most stubborn kind a fight, and that a general strike have to be declared before the

ments made by them in the public press," said a member of the scale com-mittee, who does not think that a strike is imminent. "With only one ex-ception they declare that they cannot

HEARST IS TO BLAME? "If they really believed we were not entitled to a raise they would come out and advocate a reduction in wages in order to have at least something to "Labor Friend" Owns Mine

Now Fighting Western

Federation of Miners

Lead, S. D., Jan. 28th, 1910.

The lockout of the Homestake Mining Go. is still on in the Black Hills and men in search of employment should not come to this place. There are now some 2,500 former employes of this com-

Has 400 Resolutions

company's agents, who are circulating in all parts of the country trying to induce men under misrepresentation to the black Hills to work. Many of these men who have been deceived into coming here have returned to their homes.

THERE IS A FIGHT ON HERE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR. PIRASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

Praternally yours,

J. E. BALLINGER,
National Committeeman Socialist Party of South Dakota.

PASSENGER TRAIN WEEKED;
EMBIGINE AND 2 CARS DEFAILED

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 2, castbook of the country, notifying them of the accountry notifying them of

The resolution was introduced by Thomas W. Russell of Cle Elum, Wash., Local No. 2512, and is as fol-

Whereas, The United States consti

"Whereas, The United States consti-tution gives the right of free speech to every citizen of the country; and "Whereas, in the city of Spokane the city authorities are suppressing free speech by jailing men and women who insist on their constitutional rights, and ill treating them in an inhuman man-ner to such an extent that some of the unfortunates are left physical wrecks; therefore be it

#### Call for Volunteers

"Resolved, That we call for four vol-unteers from among our ranks to go to Spokane and fight along with those already engaged, and that this organ-ization defend those volunteers to the highest court in the land; and be it

"Resolved, That the United Mine Workers of America, as a part of the American Federation of Labor, call on that body to send volunteers for the

ame purpose."

An attempt to have the entire matter referred to the executive board of the American Federation of Labor was promptly tabled. A synopsis of the more important measures that came up for consideration and their disposal as follows: That all subdistrict, district and local

officers be elected for the life of an agreement, and not to succeed thereselves for a period of four years, Killed.

That the subdistrict representatives to the conventions be appointed by the international president and paid a salary of \$5 a day. Killed.

#### For Closed Shop

That the United Mine Workers extend its fight for a closed shop throughout the country. Carried.

That the international executive board draft a bill for introduction in all legislatures, providing for an examination of all mine inspectors, bosses and miners, in view of the many disasters resulting from the inefficiency of such men. Adopted.

That the United Mine Workers insist on an employers' liability law in all

That the United Mine Workers in-sist on an employers' liability law in all States. Adopted.

That the centralization scheme of dis-trict No. 2 be extended throughout the United States. Killed.

That efforts be made to obtain enact-ment of laws providing for the segre-gation of mine inspectors from politics and their election by requirer vote.

and their election by popular vote

That the United Mine Workers make

That the United Mine Workers make a special effort to organize unorganized territory. Adopted.

That the Penusylvania legislature be asked to repeat the law providing for a constabulary, which, it is ursed, has become a tool in the hands of the capitalists. Adopted.

That congress be asked to remove the import duties on beef and flour. Adopted.

Adopted.
That the United Mine Workers meet no ex-officers of the organization who have since entered the employment of operators either as representatives or commissioners. Killed.
The committee on officers' report eleverly dedged the issue by returning that part of President Lewis' annual report-referring to the National Clvic federation to the convention. The committee's report on this matter was as follows:

#### Report on Civic Federation

"We agree with the president when he says: 'I sam in full accord with ev-ery movement that has for its object rey movement that has for its object the development of our agricultural and industrial interests, as well as promoting the welfare of the nation and contributing anything that will add to the comfort and happiness of our people. However, we submit without recommendation the question of membership with the Civic federation for serious consideration.''

In the successful effort to railroad the report of the committee through the convention this part of the report was lost sight of. The Civic federation, however, will again be up for consideration in the report of the resolutions committee on the three resolutions committee on the three resolutions committee on the federation.

Delegate Evicted by Lewis

#### Delegate Evicted by Lewis

The end of the second week of the convention was enlivened by President Lewis evicting Bernard Doran of Congo, O., from the convention hall. Delegate Johnson of District 13 made a motion demanding that Doran either leave the hall or retract his statement branding President Lewis a "lisr." Rather than retract his statement, which he claimed was correct in every detail, Doran picked up his coat and hat and left the convention hall and the matter was dropped.

Delegate Doran's denunciation of President Lewis was accused of a series of exciting moments, during which President Lewis was accused of having circulated defamatory reports toncerning Prank J. Hayes of Illinois recently elected vice president, and of having made the statement that Doran would be the first delegate to be ejected of from the hall. The turmoil was prolonged and almost unbroken until Doran is leaving the hall quieted the delegates.

Refusing to answer many questions.

Refusing to answer many questions. The end of the second week of the Result of Elections Will Be

Refusing to answer many questions put to him and denying all others, President Lewis continued to arouse

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Doran's denunciation of President Lewis was offe of the most dramatic events of the convention. In the midst of the excitement, aroused by other charges openly made against President Lewis, Doran arose with the question:

#### Lie Is Passed

"Didn't you tell me last night at the Lorraine hotel," he asked, "that I would be the first delegate to be ordered removed from the convention?" I did not," replied President Lewis. "You're a liar," declared Doran, and the convention was im-sdiately in a turmoil.

Doran asked that several witnesses to the affair be given an opportunity to say what they had understood Presisay what they had understood President Lewis to say, but the motion to evict Doran was given first consideration. Doran left the convention in disgust before the motion was put to a vote, claiming every word he had said was true and that he would not retract.

# VICE TO BE AN **ELECTION ISSUE?**

## Ministers Plan to Have Existence of Red Light Districts Decided by the Voters

The attitude of Inspector Wheeler in supporting and defending the detectives. Cos and Duffy, who are accused by affidavit of receiving "protection money" from Maurice Van Bever, convicted pander, may result in a close scrutiny of the police operations in the Twenty-second street levee district. In view o, the unceasing reports of rottenness in the police department, la meeting was held this morning, advocated by the pastors' congress of min-isters, as a protest against conditions and for the purpose of securing united ction in the fight against general corruption.

Meeting Is Held

The meeting took place in the Y. M A. auditorium and was largely at ended by pastors and ministers of all denominations. The meeting was open ed with a talk on the work of the rep ed with a tain on the churches at the Ju-resentative of the churches at the Ju-venile court in Chicago. This was fol-lowed by a call to the Christian people of Chicago for the extermination of the liquor traffic. A petition is being drawn up to be presented to the board of elec-tions to demand that the problem of the liquor traffic and the abolition of the red light district be presented to the people at the spring elections. Thirty thousand signatures have already been secured and the ministers pledged themselves to secure 20,000 more. It was asserted by Mr. Shields that the coming spring elections would be the most exciting and interesting elections ever held in the city of Chicago. The meeting was very enthusiastic and a number of speakers prominent in church and city circles addressed the meeting. Definite plans and drastic meeting. Definite plans and drastic action was the aim of the meeting and

the custom that second and succeeding being punished in every way possible. Their defeat in the approaching congenerations be given a vote, unless they gressional elections will be brought have proved their efficiency and fitness about, if possible. President Tait, for to legislate by service in office. As to instance, is now taking an active but the power of vefo, the liberals wish to quiet part in the efforts to defeat Sendeprive the lords of that right on all store. LaFollette and other of the "genbills. The conservatives, however, the lords of the conservatives. bills. The conservatives, however, are willing to reform the power of yeto in so far that it does not affect new legis-

caused by the close results of the elections.

By Joint Agreement

It is proposed that & joint cabinet beformed of the more moderate members of each party, and thus by conclisionry methods and joint agreement carry on the affairs of government to the best interests of the country However, the liberals who have won the victory though by a very small majority, object to such a method by which they would have to yield to some of the plans of their opponents. Efforts for conciliantion, however, are apparent on both sides, recognizing the fact that coalition is the only means of carrying or the government successfully.

exerting every effort to crush labor organizations. You know what its officers have done in PenneyTvanis.

The Greatest Problem

The greatest problems: Their votes for their own foes. Their votes go they are their own foes. Their votes go they do not exercise very much discretion in choosing a party. At the last votes of the entire Hungarian population is the only means of carrying or the provided to me and offered to deliver the votes of the entire Hungarian population is the only means of carrying or their votes of the entire Hungarian population is the only means of carrying or the provided to the political problems.

# TAFT DEFEATED ON PET POLICY: PARDONS FOES'

## Failure to Punish Insurgents Causes Change of Political Plan at Washington

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.-President Taft's scheme to use federal patronage as a club to force members of congress to give support to legislation rec ommended by him has collapsed uttery, and the idea itself has been aban-

Even the standpatters shudder now to Even the standpatters shudder now to think of the dangers to the G. O. P. that the president's plan embraced. Had he insisted in enforcing the idea, it is realized that instead of the Republican party being divided into two factions as at present, the organization would have probably been completely shattered.

Here is the Tatt-Hitchcock scheme which failed, in a nutshell:

#### Scheme Failed

The president outlined, in messages congress, certain legislation known

to congress, certain legislation known as "my measures."

"Support of these measures." decigred the president, "will be a test of party fealty. Republican members of congress who do not support Republican measures have no right to consider themselves Republicans, or to ex-pect federal patronage as such."

pect federal patronage as such."
The Aldrich-Cannon type of reactionaries at first clapped their hands in glee over this brilliant idea of the president's. "This leaves the insurgents without a leg to stand on," one standpatter put it. "They must now either be regular or be deprived, as is their due, of federal patronage."

But the praise giving was not destined to be of long duration. Discovery was made that the president's federal patrons and the standard president's federal patrons are the standard president's federal patrons.

ery was made that the president's fed-eral corporation act contained so many bad features that a large number of Republicans who were not insurgents declared positively that, patronage or no patronage, they would not support

This disheartening news was carried to the white house. A gloomy seance between the party leaders followed. A new problem was at hand for solution it had not occurred to the president that his scheme might make more insurgents; he had only faured on bringing the old insurgents into camp. ing the old insurgents into camp.

#### Incorporation Act Dropped

It was finally agreed that the federal incorporation act would be dropped from the list of measures the support of which would signify party fealty or party traitorship. This seemed like a solution of the problem. The coun-selers left the white bouse in excellent

But, 1) and behold, two days later, there suddenly arose a new storm. Mondell, of Wyoming, in the house, and Guggenheim, in the senate, declared they would not support the president's conservation program, though the political heavens might fall upon their

Once again the wise men gathered at

Once again the wise men gathered at the white house. It was plain to all that it would not do to engage the wrath of the house of Guggenheim, from whence flow such rich blessings to the campaign funds. There was nothing to do but drop conservation from the list. So it was dropped. Ship subsidy, railway rate legislation, and one or two other of "my measures" alone remained as tests for Republicanism. A canvass showed that both of these measures had many enemies in the Republican ranks, and so the entire scheme of using the federal patronage as a club to enforce support for "my measures" was disbanded. No public announcement was made, as that would announcement was made, as that would have been an admission of failure,

# lation. The plan of the liberals would mean that the house of commons could pass any bill over the veto of the lords. A Struggle Expected Since such a reform would undermine the foundation of the power and privileges of the lords a vigorous struggle may be expected. Several changes in the cabinet will be made on the formation of the new government, including several promotions and raises in salary. An interesting plan has been formulated by the conservatives to meet the difficulties of the present deadlock caused by the close results of the elections. By Joint Agreement By Joint Agreement The Greatest Problem They

rinterests at heart and you will have to slave for 99 cents a day."

A Sceming Split

For a while it looked as if the strikers would break up into two bodies. The riveters were surrounded by many others who demanded immediate ratification by the company of all concessions asked for. They refused to give up the strike until this morning.

"The company is not sincere in its concessions as matters stand now," said one of the riveters, addressing his comrades. "They want us to go back to work, and when they are better prepared they will turn us out. Just now they have a large number of orders on hand. They want us to finish the work. They will carry on negotiations, and will have their three men meet our three men, and they will have these disagree for weeks to came. Meanwhile we shall be slaving under old conditions. When the company gets good and ready it will say to our committee that it no longer cares to listen to it, and we shall be then just where we are now.

"If the company is sincere in its

are now.

"If the company is sincere in its agreement let it sign papers that it recognizes our union, and that it will aim to adjust a wage scale in thirty days."

# NO DANGER OF PLAGUE; PARIS IS NOW SAFE

As City Recovers from Staggering Blow, Scientists Are Confident of Curbing Disease

Paris, France, Feb. 1. -- From mid ight until noon today the subsidence of the River Seine averaged only about a third of an inch an hour. The weer, however, continued favorable, a rising barometer. The temperature was slightly lower.

The recession of the waters in som of the streets was noticeable during the

The situation at critical points was ameliorated to a considerable extent, notably in the neighborhood of the St. Lazare station. The engineers now hope to be able within a few days to strengthen the underground workings and so prevent the collapse of streets and buildings, which has appeared imminent for several days.

#### Light Plants Injured

Beginning this morning, the authori-ties concentrated their efforts on the restoration of the crippled public serv-ices, the repair of telegraph, cable and telephone lines and the re-establish-mept of the now demoralized railroad communication. There is no prospect of restoring the electric light and pow-er systems this week.

Preparations have been made for cleaning and disinfecting the city. President Roux of the Pasteur insti-tute, in conference with other experts, has decided upon a series of measures which will be carried out by the sanitary officials. The principal danger is considered to be from the pollused water supply. The health authorities have caused a house to house canvass to be made warning the occupants to be enade, warning the occupants against occupying rooms which have been flooded before the apartments have been disinfected and siving instructions that water must be boiled before below that water must be boiled. before being used.

#### No Danger of Plague

As the deposits of mud left by the waters are removed from houses quick-lime will be plentifully applied and the floors and walls cleaned and white-washed or painted.

Dr. DeBovo, dean of the medical faculty of the Academy of Medicine, was comparatively optimistic today. He says that the pest of maiarial diseases which enter the blood through the reswhich enter the blood through the res-piratory organs can be avoided. The principal danger is from typhoid, the germs of which may be received through the digestive channels if im-pure water is drunk.

# MORE JOBLESS IN COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, Feb. 1.—The number of memployed in Copenhagen is constantunemployed in Copenhagen is constant-ly increasing and no alleviation of the suffering is in sight that can adequate-ly meet the situation. In Copenhagen alone in the month of November, 11.545 unemployed workers were counted, or 15.10 per cent of the entire number of 15.10 per cent of the entire number of working people in the city. In the same month in 1905, the percentage was less, but the number greater. This condition was caused by the emigration of laborers, both Danes and foreigners. So far 190,000 crowns have been given out for the support of the unemployed and it is evident that more than a half million will be necessary before spring to meet the situation. Wage Workers --- Understand

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# "LOCAL 194" OF THE PAINTERS

## Meeting Rejects Proposal to Return Delegates to the District Council

ing at least 3,000 members, mostly Scandinavians, refused the mandate of the international organization to return its delegates to the district council. The meeting was held yesterday a cil. The meeting was held yesterday at Rooseveit hall and was attended by almost the entire membership. George F. Hedrick, president of the interna-tional union, and Vice President John M. Finn and Joseph F. Kelly were present to induce the members of the local to return and reaffiliate with the Painters' District Council, the control of which is said to be in the hands of the Associated Building Trades coun-

Local 194 of the Painters' union, the

largest local in the country, number-

Thomas Walsh, W. E. Francis, Frank Burhanan and John Lally, represent-ing the A. F. of L. of Building Trajes council, were present. The voting was almost unanimous that the local which had affiliated with the new building trades council of the American Federa trades council of the American Federa-tion of Labor should remain with this organization. The voting stood 310 against the proposal to revurn, and 41 in favor of it.

Considerable trouble will probably be

caused by this action as many of the contractors are in favor of the Mai-den controlled organization and they may refuse to hire members from any May Lose Charter

#### It is probable that the charter of the

local will be revoked. Trouble had been brewing in the local ever since the Madden influence had made light felt and resulted in its withdrawal last September and its affiliation together with several other locals with the Building Trades Council of the American Fad eration of Labor in Chicago. The case was carried by Madden to the Palut-ers' convention held at Cin-linut, last December and the seceding local was ordered to return. The local, however, decided yesterday to stand firm against reaffiliation.

#### Meeting Was Spirited

The meeting was decidedly spirited The meeting was decidedly spirited and the various speakers very fiery in their utterances. W. E. atodriguez spoke in part as follows: "If you fellows attended the meetings, you would know the character of the andidates running for office. You alone are to be blamed for the corrupted condition, first last and always."

# ROUMANIA IS TO

Bucharest, Roumania, Feb. 1,-Th Roumanian parliament is considering means of combating the growing unres in the labor movement. A punishment was decided upon of up to two years imprisonment, on conviction of having attempted to force an increase in wages or the employment of exclusively un-ion labor. Whether such a plan can be on labor. Whether such a plan can be put into operation by the government and its supporters, depends upon the attitude of the fiberal party. Another obstacle in the way of the organized labor movement was the penalty of losing pension support by the organizations considering a strike,

#### Status Spectacles Stolen

New York, Feb. 1. - New York thieves are versatile and ingenious.

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# WILTON LACKAYE AND FRAENCKEL HAVE A DEBATE

## Leading Man of "The Bat- work for. tle" and Socialist County Secretary Clash

The survival of the unfit versus the survival of the fittest was discussed by Wilton Lackaye, leading man of the "Battle," and G. T. Fraenckel, Cook county secretary of the Socialist party. The discussion followed a lecture by Mr. Lackeye on "Uplifting the Stage,"
delivered by the actor at the Illinois
theater yesterday morning.
In his address Mr. Lackaye pointed

out that the stage is subject to the sordid dictation of shop keepera, un-scrippilous men and ignorant managers. He pointed out that many of the men who control the theater know nothing about art, and drive actors and playwrights to drudge in writing plays fo

deprayed taste.

"The actor is not free to choose his play," he said in part. "The man who knows art has no voice in what should be presented in the theater. The playwright turns out plays that have no literary or artistic value; they simply reduce vehicles for the actor, that will produce vehicles for the actors that will take with the men who pay for them. The man who is strong in the community, who has power enough to accumulate wealth is the dominant force in art, commerce and all modern life."

Mr. Fraenckel showed the actor that

in that is seen the survival of the unfit

"The man who is a great scoundrel," said Mr. Fraenckel, "is often the man who controls the machinery of government. He is the man who makes the laws for the state. He is the man, under the present system, who dictates what the people should be given as moral food as well as what they should moral food as well as what they should have for their physical well being. The actor who has a thorough knowledge of art, has no voice in selecting the drama he should play. The people who have ideals are subjugated and are tread upon by the men who have no sympathetic outlook upon life."

## DELAY ON LOOP BRINGS PERIL

## Car on Metropolitan "L' Derailed; Many Workers Made Late; Protest

Several hundred persons bound downtown to work had a narrow escape from injury, or death early this morn ing, when a Metropolitan "L" train headed toward the loop jumped the track just east of the Laffin street station. None of the cars went off the structure and, save for being shaken up, nobody is reported to have been hurt. The accident took place on the main line at about 7:30 a. m. and before the derailed car could be placed back on the track and hauled out of the way trains were stalled sooth, west and north of the Marshfield avenue junction for more than half a mile on the Douglas Park, Garfield Park and

"No report has been received," it was signed as member a candidate for resald at the main office of the Metropolitan "L" road at 8:45 a. m., "but we understand that only the second car of one train went off, the track and that nobody was injured. We don't know whether the accident was caused by a whether the accident was caused by a healer axis one east-tenth district, George Mensing; elev-

Another lot of passengers received a bad scare when a West Madison street car at 8:55 this morning ran into a wagon belonging to the Arthur Dixon Transfer company at Madison and Franklin streets. Six windows in the car were shattered, but no one within was injured. T. Bauen, 988 West Thirty-first street, the driver of the wagon, was thrown to the ground and was temporarily dazed.

WORKMEN, LOVE THE POOR BAILEGADS, ADVISES MELLEN

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 1.—Mutual co-operation and information as to the work of his company for its employes were the themse of a brief speech last night of President Mellen of, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railof the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firethe Brotherhood of Locomotive Fire en and Enginemen. "Let's toin bands," said Mr. Mellem

New York. Feb. 1.—The lowest amount on which a family can live in simplest deceary in New York is \$850 a year, according to the estimate of special committees from the Federated Labor unions, which have been investigating the increased cost of living. This is an increase of \$100 in two years. It costs a fifth more to five in the metropolis, the investigators add, than in large cities of the middle west.

## The Hustlers' Column COST OF LIVING

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The game is becoming interesting. The hustlers are making a united effort take one monstrous and continuous boost. From now on it is only a question of getting new subs, and that is something the hustlers can do. They are at me in getting new readers.

The mark has been set high—ten thousand new subs—but a little thing like that does not daunt the game army of workers. It only gives them an end to

Many have already answered the roll call. Others are on the way. And still thers are preparing to join the forces, so that our purpose will be assured

Don't let your gun rust! Keep your ammunition dry! Keep a sharp lookout on the enemy, and give them broadside after broadside by pouring in sub after

Some of you think we want to go too fast. Others think we are going too slow. YOU who read this and are not a member of this fighting crew-YOU are the one we ask to pitch in and give a lift, for "every little bit helps."

PACE THE MUSIC, WHETHER YOU LIKE THE TUNE OR NOT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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# SEIDEL TO RUN PITTSBURG FOR MAYOR IN MILWAUKEE, WIS.

## Man Who Almost Won in Extortion of Beef Trust Cream City Election Is Ready Again

Emil Seidel has been chosen by refrendum vote to head the Social Democratic party of Milwankee, Wis., as its ing its own packing plants. The mayor candidate for mayor for the second time, and the food inspection bureau believe the referendum vote, in progress nearly two months, having been counted to a point where nearly all candidates were known definitely Sunday night.

The result was announced by Ald. Edmund T. Melms, county organizer. The remainder of the city ticket is:

Controller—Carl P. Dietz. Treasurer—Charles B. Whitnail. City Attorney—Daulel W. Hoan.

Victor L. Berger heads the list of candidates for the office of alderman at large, with four of the remaining candidates known and two to be decided by the remainder of the count. In these Carl D. Thompson is a strong possibil-ity. Mr. Thompson has been a mem-ber of the state assembly and now is state organizer for his party.

Berger Heads List

runction for more than haif a mile on the Douglas Park, Garfield Park and Humboldt Park-Logan Square branches.

Thousands Are Late

Twenty-five thousand people due at work at 8 a. m. were forced to be fifteen minutes to half an hour late on account of the delay following the accident.

"No report has been received," it was said at the main office of the Metropolitan "L" road at \$8.45 a. m., "but we The candidates for alderman at large

whether the accident was caused by a broken axle or not."

It is several weeks since one east-bound Metropolitan "L" train rammed into the rear of another east-bound Metropolitan "L" train about fifty feet west of the bridge over the river and threw a car off the track injuring a number of passengers and employes.

Shake-Up on Madison Street

Another lot of passengers received a bad scare when a West Madison street car at 8:48 this morning ran into a wagon belonging to the Arthur Dixon

Candidates for Aldermen

Candidates for Aldermen

While candidates for the office of ward aldermen have been chosen in all wards they were not announced Sunday night. "I will announce only those for wards in which we have strong hopes of electing the men," said Ald. Meims. "The others will be announced later." Those announced on

Aid. Meims. "The others nounced on Sunday are:

Second Walter Stroesser; fifth, Martin Mikkelson; eighth, Albert S. Poor; ninth, Henry Ries; reath, William Koch; elsewith, Edmund, T. Melms; twelfth Max Grass; thirteenth, August Glese; fourteenth, M. Michael Katzban, seventeenth, Louis A. Arnold, nineteenth, Jacob Rummel; twentieth, August Strehlow; twenty-first, Charles Welley; twenty-second, John Hassman; twenty-third, F. W. Kehfeld.

"We have the highest hopes of carrying the election for our city ticket;" said Ald, Melms. "Every indication points to victory for us, and the narrow margin of difference in the last for mayor carried fhe election for alderman at large a year ago, are signs and the fact that our candidate for mayor carried fhe election for alderman at large a year ago, are signs and the fact that our candidate for mayor carried fhe election for alderman at large a year ago, are signs and the fact that our candidate for mayor carried fhe election for allegal slaughter house, to be free to define the command that a proposition be placed before the latter body to establish a municipal slaughter house, to be free to define mayor carried fhe election for allegal mayor carried from the last proposition and the fact that our candidate for mayor carried fhe election for allegal slaughter house, to be free to define define and maket;

The party has strong hopes of elections of the midst of plenty will be avoided."

The above resolution, originally adopted by the Clevesand cantral body.

# HAVE A CITY **PACKING HOUSE**

# Is to Be Met in a Practical Way

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 1 .- This city has decided to fight the beef trust by havthe city can own its own butchering plant, deliver fresh meat free of expense to the meat dealers here, and make a big profit out of the by-products.

Accordingly, plans have been drawn for a \$50,000 municipal abattoir, like those fix Europe.

To Cut Cost

Meat dealers will deliver live stock to the abattoir. This will be butchered by the city, and the meat turned back to the dealers free. This ought to low-er the price to the dealers it per cent, with a like reduction to the consumer. Smoky city violet-scented toilet soap, Allegheny kettle rendered leaf lard. Tri-state stick 'em fast glue and Ma-gee's famous chrometanned hides may soon be advertised on all the billboards here if the plan goes through. For the by-products, which the city will get free, can be turned into fancy tollet articles, washing powder and household necessities. A double back-handed bl

beef trust will surely result, Mayor Magee is confident.

4,000,000 Pounds a Week

In one week here there are consumed 4,000,000 pounds of meat. The animals from which 80,000 pounds of the meat are obtained are slaughtered in small independent abattoirs. About 20 per cent of the retailers do their own slaughtering, but there is no doubt that a much greater percentage, if not all, of them would avail themselves of the free city abattoir when they are shown its adventages.

shown its advantages.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. L—Action is being taken on the following resolution passed by the central labor body. The

passed by the central labor body. The resolution reads:

"Whereas. Owing to the present increased cost of the necessaries of life, which are, in many instances, becoming luxuries, a general boycott has been declared by many citizens against those who deal in meat, eggs, etc., under the impression that such a boycott will tend to decrease prices; therefore, we declare

"That a blind, unreasonable boycott

"That a blind, unreasonable boycott aimed at retail butchers and grocers will only not bring about permanent re-lief, but will tend to bankrupt and lief, but will tend to bankrupt and bring untold hardships upon a class of small business men who have become mere clerks for the higher-ups, the meat trust magnates, cold storage combines, etc., who dictate wholesale and retail prices;

"That we advise the unorganized workers who have enlisted in this boycott to refuse to meekly sink to a lower living level by starving their stomachs.

# PROBED TODAY

Congress Opens Quiz Into High Prices of Necessities; Partisans Fear

Washington, Feb. 1 .- Congress commenced today to fight out the question ELEVATOR FALLS; of the high cost of living. In the senate particularly that issue is nearly as acute as it is in domestic circles. -

It is the intention of both Senator Elkins of West Virginia and Senator McCumber of North Dakota to press accumber of North Dakota to press to a decision their resolutions calling for such an investigation. Senator Mc-Cumber is on the agricultural commit-tee, which will meet tomorrow, while Senator Kean of New Jersey is carefully and solidly sitting upon the El-kins measure in the committee on contingent expenses.

So far as the congress is concerned the problem of high prices has now become one of politics rather than of economics. Whatever is done in the matter of an investigation will be done with regard to what effect it is likely to have upon the coming congressional elections. It sounds anomalous, but the investigating resolutions are both being pushed and being held up with the view of helping the Republican party in those elections.

To Clear Party

Senator McCumber openly states that Senator McCumber openly states that the purpose of his resolution is to take the blame for the exorbitant prices off the farmer, and further to show that the Aldrich-Payne tariff law is not re-sponsible. It calls for an investigation of farm products only, and he avow-edly hopes for a finding, if the inves-tigation is held, that will save the seats of middle west congressmen who voted for the tariff bill, but whose constitu-ents retain the notion that the tariff should have been revised downward.

should have been revised downward.

The Elkins measure is much more comprehensive than the McCumber measure. It provides that not only an investigation into the high price question, but calls for a report showing the reason for the advance, an investigation of the increased price of labor and a comparison between the advances in food and the like and the advances in wages.

Elkins to Save Trusts

Senator Elkins also expects his investigation to clear the skirts of the party from any charse of responsibility, but his resolution has butted up against that other faction of the party which is unwilling to take chances on the results of an inquiry, namely, Sentences of the contract the results of an inquiry, namely, Senator Aldrich and his followers. As the resolution calls for the expenditure of money, it had to go to the committee on contingent expenses, and there Senator Mean and the senator was the senator when the senator was ator Kean put it on ice until Senator Aldrich gets back to Washington or sends word what is to be done.

PARIS THANKS BOSTON FOR BAY STATE BELIEF

Boston, Feb. 1.—A cablegram was received from Paris today thanking Massachusetts people for 250,000 franca forwarded Saturday for the relief of the flood sufferers in Paris. The cable-

gram is addressed to Bernard J. Roth-well, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and is signed by Albert Garrant, under secretary of state. It

reads, translated: "Profoundly touched by the admir-able generosity with which the people of Massachusetts have responded to the of Massachusetts have respond to the appeal of the Boston Chamber of Com-merce, the government of the republic of France addresses you and requests you to express the them its profound gratitude. Let us shake hands heart-

Seattle, Jan. 21.—The Seattle chamber of commerce has announced the open-ing of subscription lists for relief funds for French flood sufferers. The Ministerial association and the state branch of the Red Cross society are taking up the work.

# HOTEL PANIC

## Revere House Guests Terrorized as Elevator Falls to Basement

Four hundred guests were thrown into excitement and many rushed panic stricken from their rooms when fire broke out in the Revere House, Illinois and Clark streets, today. The lives of a dozen were imperiled when supports to the cable in the elevator shaft burned away and the car dropped to the basement.

The fire started at the top of the ele vator shaft. Clarence Rotterbach, the elevator boy, discovered the flames and after giving the alarm operated his car until the cable gave way.

Car Palls to Basement

Rotterbach had just taken a load of frightened women down from the top floor and all had made their exit to the lobby when a sheet of flame spurt-ed up from the top of the elevator. ed up from the top of the elevator. Firebrands dropped through the cage and Rotterbach, who was preparing to make another ascent leaped out. At the same instant the holsting broke and precipitated the car to the basement.

The crash of the falling elevator added to the excitement, as it was supposed by many that passengers were in it at the time, and a rumor that several had been killed was spread.

The fire is believed to have started

from crossed electric wires. The ma-jority of the guests belonged to the theatrical profession. Half of those in the hotel had gone to their rooms and the others were in the lobby and other rooms on the main floor.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PUTS LAW "UP IN THE AIR" Cedar Grove, N. J., Feb. 1.-Justice

of the Peace Kammelhor believes he holds title to his property here from the center of the earth to the center of the solar system. Hearing that a neighbor had built an ecropiane, the "squire" today posted

this notice:

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### Opportunity of Chicago Socialists

The aldermanic campaign in Chicago this spring offers an opportunity for the Socialists of Chicago such as has not been presented in many years. It is not simply that the present administration is completely discredited. Everyone also admits that the SOCIALISTS DID THE DISCREDITING.

It is now generally admitted that the odds are about even as to whether Mayor Busse will finish his term in the city hall or in Joliet It is also a peculiar fact that none of those who are pressing the prosecution at the present moment are anxious to accomplish anything. The Merriam commission has shown its tenderness, but cannot help finding things. The grand jury, in spite of having one of the bankers who is implicated in the present peculiar disposal of city funds as its dominating figure, has, nevertheless, been forced to bring a number of indictments. The state's attorney is a joke-a pompous, bombastic joke-and his alliance with the gamblers is too close to make him enthusiastic for any prosecution that will reach the bottom.

Senator Lorimer is building the hottest fire of anyone under the city hall. After giving all due credit to the Inter Ocean for its work in opposing municipal rottenness, one scarcely looks for thoroughgoing purity in municipal affairs from the wing of the Republican party controlled by Joe Cannon and Billy Lorimer.

The Democratic party is not in position to adopt a "holier-thanthou" attitude on municipal affairs, since Busse went into power by virtue of the assistance of Roger Sullivan.

In short, the Busse administration represents the ripe-rotten fruitage of capitalism. It is the creation of the brothel, the machine politician, the fashionable club, the traction thief and the respectable (?) press. Busse was indorsed by the larger portion of the ministers in Chicago before election. He was the pet and the product of Puck may not be an advocate of Socialism, but it is certainly doins efficiently and it is now too late to deny the charge.

The only portion of society not stained with the mud of the Busse administration is the working class. The only political organization that has stood in uncompromising hostility to Busse and the whole gang that created him is the Socialist party.

It was the organ of the Socialist party that dared to tell the truth about him before he was elected. It was the same organ, the one you are now reading, that snatched the cover from the foulness of that administration, while the remainder of the press of this city stood silent or sneering or subservient.

The Socialist party could take no other position. It represents the political interests of the workers, and they are the ones who are exploited through the subservience of municipal government to the

The Socialist party has done more than preserve an attitude of negative purity in its record toward the Busse administration. Socialists scarcely look upon honesty alone as entitling them to consideration as much as it distinguishes them from other political parties. Socialists would not make such a plea for support any more than they would be deceived by the cry for "good men" on other tickets.

. The Basse regime represents the climax of triumphant plundering capitalism. Its logical opponent is the party of the plundered, exploited working class. It is as the representative of that class that the Socialist party makes its plea, and there is good reason to believe He that that class will make itself felt at the coming election.

## The Second-Class Postage Question

President Taft reads a lecture to the "muck-raking" magazines warning them to be good, while at the same time he holds the threat of increased postage over their heads. This is only one more straw handed, gentleman bountiful, to whom of evidence to add to the ever-growing mass showing that this whole which he and his foot had been the postage movement is but an effort to muzzle the only independent

So far as the Daily Socialist is concerned the proposed charge would probably be a slight advantage, as it would hamper the competing weekly and monthly publications. Nevertheless, this paper will do all in its power to prevent any attempt at suppressing freedom of speech and the press, no matter in what disguise such a movement may come.

Several letters have been received asking that a form of protest be printed to be sent to congressmen. Such a form defeats its own purpose. The less of uniformity there is about such letters the more effect they will have. Sit down today and write the member of congress from your district telling him that you are opposed to any attempt to suppress freedom of speech by increasing the postage rates on weeklies and monthlies while small country papers are sent entirely free, the railroads are overpaid for transportation, the mails are laden with franked matter, and the express companies are able to carry the same class of mail at less than the government is now charging.

President Lewis seems to have trouble in trying to Uncle-Joe-Cannonize the miners' convention.

Invite your neighbor to go to the Socialist masked ball on Feb. 12, and be sure you have a ticket in your pocket to sell to him.

Prof. Graham Taylor occupied considerable space in an evening paper last Saturday praising Chief of Police Steward. Chief Steward occupied considerable space in all the Sunday papers with praise of Mayor Busse and his administration. That's all.

A careful search of the records of local Cook county, Socialist party, fails to reveal the name of Willis Counselman, who is just now doing some remarkable contortions in the divorce line. If his name had been there what morals would have been drawn!

Those independent oil refiners have fine imaginations. They have sued the Standard for \$200,000,000. Who do they think is running this country, anyhow? Have they never read the thrilling tale of "The \$29,000,000 Case, or the Fine That Has Never Been Paid"?

### On the Firing Line

nt; and the trusts furnish the music

BY MONOSABIO. And now we have a dancing presi

Dr. Edward A. Spitzka, the noted specialist, is reported as saying that murder is right at times. capitalist employers will go him better. They act on the principle that murder is right at all times.

Judge James B. Dill, the "godfathe out to criminal corporations. In that where will you find jails enough to hold the offenders'

church tired to look down upon the deviltry of Wall street. The other day to know more than most people.

New York was recently amazed by the spectacle of Papa Shonts riding in his own subway and declaring that it was worse than (you know) during rush Gallery play for a purpose which will appear very shortly,

Albert Victor Grayson lost his seat at the English elections, and capitalist England will rejoice now even though the house of lords should be decapitat ed. The cable dispatches affectionate-ly allude to Comrade Grayaon, as "the Socialist-clown and firebrand."

Saturday's New York Evening Mail great perfection of the shirtwaists made in New York." It should have added something about the perfection of the system which seeks to starve those whose work is so much admired in the abstract.

Puck, in its issue of January 12th, while disclaining to be "an advocate o Socialism," devotes a vigorous double page cartoon to an exposure of monopoly's argument that Socialism "will destroy the initiative. A capitalist gorilla is shown grabbing public utilities, crushing competition and smashing the "ambition, independence

A nation was rent in twain for several bloody years and thousands of hu-man lives lost to end black slavery in this country. Yet a greater and an ier slavery exists right now in the land, the victims of which are daughters of men, prepared by capi-talistic exploitation for the trappers of the white slave traffic. Just now the people seem to have waked up to the existence of the fearful traffic—but the fearful thing about it is that it has existed right along, with the public innocently meeting the plight of the vic-tims with deaf ears and stony eyes!-Social-Democratic Herald.

### LABOR IN POLITICS

BY ROBERT HUNTER

I like to read the journals of the various Trade Unions, especially the con as a chance to learn the views each menth of thousands of thought-

Here one has a chance to learn the views each menth of thousands of thoughtful workingmen.

They write about what troubles them. They offer suggestions for improvement and urge the kind of action which seems to them well and good.

In the Moldars' Journal for January there are two intraesting letters. One is written by a molder living in Quincy, Ill., concerning political activity.

He says in Quincy the union men try to elect to public office men from the ranks of labor.

The mayor, John A. Steinbach, is a Bricklayer. The health officer was formerly the buriness agent of the Trades Assembly. The city clerk, treasurer, the comptroller and various other public officials are union men.

Following this letter is one from a molder living at Bessemer, Alabama. He asks, first, what have the Republicans done for Labor in Pennsylvania? He asks, second, what have the Democrats done for Labor in Alabama?

Nothing, absolutely nothing, and so this molder wisely asks why Labor should not have its own party.

Now these two letters illustrate the unrest existing throughout the entire Trade Union movement. Everywhere men are asking "What shall we do?"

They know they are up against a serious proposition and all through the Trade Union world they are asking each other "What shall we do?"

The two letters propose two different forms of political activity. The union men of Quincy elect their friends to office. They are lifting a few men out of their own ranks into public office.

That is being done by union men in all parts of the country. They are working to get a few of their men soft political jobs.

The other writer presents a more advanced form of political activity. He wants a political party of Labor which will nominate men for office as the direct wants a political party of Labor which will nominate men for office as the direct.

The other writer presents a more advanced form of political activity. He wants a political party of Labor which will nominate men for office as the direct representatives of that party. He wants a class organization formed, a labor party which shall control to some extent at least the men it elects to office. Had I picked up another issue of the same journal I might have seen a letter from another molder urging support of the Socialist party.

Those are the three stages in the evolution of Labor as a political force. In nearly every country working men have progressed through those three stages in arousing themselves to political activity.

They first awake to the futility of electing their employers to public office and usually in a disorganized, ineffective way they elect their own comrades.

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But after these men are elected they cannot be controlled and little by little they drift away from the labor movement to become the tools of the old political next the second of the cold political next to be second or the cold political next to b

They represent a disorganized mass of workers, and when the two powerfully organized political parties come along and take them up they desert their fellows for richer opportunities for personal advancement.

After a time the second stage is reached. Working men see the futility of merely bettering the condition of a few leaders. They see that class action is necessary, that they must have their own political organization. They then form an independent political movement and take, if their views are clear enough, a distinct step in advance.

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They own, finance and control their party. They select their public officials as they select their trade union officials and expect them to serve the organiza-

s they select their trade union officials and expect them to serve the organizaon—not their own pockets.

But in the second case they soon discover that, although they are beginning
official power, they are exercising it with no clear purpose.

They have got power and know not how to use it. They are without proramme—without a clear line of action.

As a result their men are without policy and must vote with this or that
arty, for this or that measure.

Then the third step is taken. They realize that the party of Labor must have
sown programme, must fight for the interest of all who toil.

It must advance legislative measures which no other party would think of
coposing and little by little it evolves a programme of Socialism, or one so near
as hardly to be distinguished from it.

This has been the political evolution of Labor in more than one country,
low, plodding efforts and sad experience have driven the workers everywhere to
be Socialist position.

Sometimes the evolution has been quick, sometimes, as in England, very, very slow, but in every country of Europe Labor has today its own political party. It owns, controls and finances its organization, its paper, and its machinery. It nominates and controls its officials in office and decides upon the measures to be advented by these officials.

And in every instance Labor has fought its way so that today millions of or-ized workers have built up clear cut, SOCIALIST parties, fighting for the final incipation of Labor.

What will come here? Must Labor begin all over the toilsome process in this

Leaders of Labor have urged Labor to support Bryan. Perhaps next they will urge support of Hearst, then support of their own fellows, then an independent Labor party and finally the inevitable, everlasting, Socialist party.

And it is well to ask, Is the experience of the workers in other parts of the world to be altogether lost to American workers?

Are there no American leaders capable of interpreting the experience of the workers of Europe and of shortening the ordinary evolutionary process here, or must Labor be forced to blindly grope its way until repeated failures and costly experiments force them into the INTERNATIONAL LABOR AND SOCIALIST MOVEMENT?

### THE CONQUEST OF POVERTY

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the privileges were granted.

To the difficulties of the problem, the infinite labor that will be require

ed in all their platforms-which place

I have a vivid recollection of my first gone down, the condition of the on in Socialism, which still seems ployes has gone up and the superin-tendent of the works lives in a clean, me to offer a simple illustration of ocialist theory and practice. ample house supplied by the city. And finally, there are profits from the wa-The little town on the Missouri where I was born was subject to annual ty-phoid epidemics. Scores of people died ter works, which go to improving the system and to financing other municipal utilities, such as the manufacture

of electric light.

every year and many were left bank-rupt and socially crippled. At each recurrence of the epidemic, three types of charitable and social agencies entered the field. One was represented by the priest of the Catholic church, in which I was baptized. He went among the members of his congregation giving spiritual consolation, and through the offices of the church, abating the terrors of the grave. The representative of the second was the poster of the Evangelia. ond was the pastor of the Evangelical church, to which most of my family be-longed. He was a Swiss, born and bred to the tenets of Calvinism. But there was no Puritanical grimness about him. He was a genial, kind hearted, open out to pasture until the heavens should open and the angel choir should sum-mon them to the golden streets above. In the times of epidemic, he went among his people scattering cheer and the good things that he himself enjoyed. the good things that he himself enjoyed. Each year, he imported a wheel of

Swiss cheese, and this and other deli-cacles he shared generously.

The third was represented by the health officer of the town, a man I knew most intimately. He was the energy behind our public school, and he assisted at the births of three-fourths of our children. None of the churches claimed him as a member, and while his services were widely appreciated. was generally regarded with skep-ism by the adherents of the various

This skepticism became a voice of protest against his heresy when, in times of epidemic, he declared that the waste of life resulting from typhoid was unnecessary; that it was blasphe-mous to look upon such scourges as the instrument of God for the discipline of his people; that if the twen would wake up and build a new water system, the epidemics would come to an end. For it happened that the absentee capitalists, who owned the town's wa-

ter works, and who contented them selves with sending a representative at stated times each year to look the plant over and to collect the revenues, had built the intake pipe and settling ba-sins a half mile below the mouth of the main city sewer, and liked the arrangement inasmuch as their dividends regularly paid.

were regularly paid.

The health officer rigorously de-clared that a public necessity like the water supply did not property exist for profits, but for the use and health of the people. And, as a result, he was furiously denounced by his towns-men as a teacher of irreligion and by the capitalists as a subverter of pri-vate property and the federal consti-

did succeed, however, in winning the town to his point of view. The people decided to build water works of their own. In spite of the assurance of the capitalists that the town could not get money with which to Enance the enterprise, the bonds were oversubscribed and new settling basins were built a good mile above the built a good mile above the sewer. Since then, our people have suffered no further waste of life from typhoid. Moreover, while the water rates have

wealth to universal happiness and free dom-a series of immediate industria and political demands, for which they are fighting in various localities and in which they find their best instruments of education

In this immediate program the Socialists have included demands for "a shortened workday in keeping with the increased productiveness of machinery," laws prohibiting "the employmen From the Socialist-point of view, the of children under sixteen years of age," and statutes "abolishing official charexperience of this Missouri town illus-trates both the cause of our great so-cial cylls and their remedy. In the ity and substituting for it compulsory insurance against unemployment, illinsurance against unemployment, ill-ness, accident, invalidism, old age and death." To finance these undertakings the Socialists demand the "extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in propor-tion to the amount of the bequest and efficiency engineering were virtually unknown, when society lacked the sta-bility and cohesion, which is increas-ingly its chief characteristic, it was natural that towns, and states, and the the nearness of kin" and "a graduated

How long it will require to secure the enactment of these immediate denation should tempt the daring of individuals by grants of special privtem, through which the dead hand of the past keeps a heavy, restraining hold upon social progress, it is impossible to say. That the practicability and vital importance of the demands are winning increasing recognition. sulted in the accumulation of vast priv-lieges in the hands of the few and in an increasing forgetfulness on the part of the few of the social ends for which the hours of work among women and among men in dangerous trades, and laws looking to the substitution, for our to teach the unwealthy anajority their common interest, the Socialists are not blind. They have, accordingly, includbarbarous system of employers' liability, of a system of legally defined com-pensation for industrial accidents more in accordance with modern social scifirst emphasis upon the significance of the class struggle and the indispensa-bility of the co-operative common-

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changed congratulations with Signor Marconi while the Clifden station and tion in Heliand. Captain Low said it was the intention of the line to keep the Caronia constantly in touch with one or the other continents and the British Jales while she was at sea. There will not be a minute on the trip that she cannot send as well as receive messages.—New York Sun.

## WONDERFUL LAKE IS FOUND BY

ence.-Metropolitan Magazine

Mr. Shelford of London has tust concluded a journey he undertook in connection with the projected railway to be constructed from the Uganda railway to Lake Magadi. Referring to the wonderful take which is only reached after a long journey over an uninhab to try out the apparatus, and William ited and waterless country, Mr. Shel-Marconi himself, who personally su- ford gave the following details: "Lake Magadi is picturesquely situated amid weird surroundings at the bottom of a valley 3,000 feet deep. On one side are mountains 8,000 feet above sea level, and on another a range having an altitude of 8,000 feet. There is no sign of human life, but on and about the lake lake, which is ten miles long by two or ordinary sheet of water of Bomewhat reddish hue. On reaching the shores, however, we found that the water was only a few inches deep, and covered a hard surface looking exactly like pink marble. This is an immense deposit of sods, which was bored and found to extend to a considerable depth, thus indicating an area of at least twenty miles of solid soda. The heat upon the soda lake was very great."

> One way to meet the high cost of liv-ing is to create a strong demand for the union label, and this, in turn, will increase wages to a point more in keeping than they now are with the prevailing high prices of the necessaries of life.—Labor Advocate.

#### OPEN FORUM

Where Is the Socialist? Why did you publish Hunter's articl

How To Unite the Workers"? It looks to me like dropping a born in the midst of a crowd that had been in a wrangle and had let their passion and, if possible, to settle their disjutes and then to shoulder arms and go forth unitedly to fight the enemy. The So-cialist had no more business to publish such an article at such a junctur

But the Simons

perturbed, his brain was in a whirl, his thought was in a muddle. He was like one in the street with the lights down, groping his way blindly, or seeing things as "trees walking." Simons was amuck in the dark and straining his eyes to catch a glimpse of better footing. The lucky stars had not set, however, the cloud drifted by, and the
lights were soon up and shining again.
The letter has done its work, for by
it we now see where Simons was at a
critical moment where he is at now. critical moment, where he is at now, and where Walling is at, unless indeed ply a faithful stalwart back at his pos again where it is light after a momen of mental abercation when in the dark But I call no man traitor; Walling has given fiftee; reasons why there should be no labor party, and let it go at that. At this moment two things seem al-

nost distinctly clear: First, the forma party by organized but non-Socialist labor, to get, under capitalism, just the under capitalism, is an altogether im

of such labor party by such labor, the policy of the present Socialist party so far as its expressed will is now known, yould be to maintain its present organ ization intact, but to co-operate so far as possible with such labor party. On the pith of this second proposi-

tion there is no room for doubt. In th crisis through which we have passing—and have passed, I thinkproposition is the loadstone in our thought that draws every straggling ray of light, every wavering opinion. The answers of the N. E. C. candidates to Kerris question on this point stand out with the sharpness of the edges of cut glass. The party is not drifting. It is going straight to its goal. It has a work to do, and that work will be done It has a message to deliver to the peoof this time and that message be delivered.

The will of the Socialist party mus

be, and shall be as the will of one man. If there are other and contrary wills, they will be eliminated. But that one will of the party will be reached in true American fashion, by a discussion of all matters in an open forum, and expressed in a democratic manner by a vote on all questions by the rank and file of the party.

In the matter of keeping the party in-tact and of driving its work right on in the teeth of every ill wind—and all winds are such—I stand with Debs. There must be no retreating, no side stepping, no trimming, no compromis-ing, and no reaction, but a united put-ting of all shoulders to the wheel and a steady pushing right on toward the most inviting destiny that ever waited while something ought to be said or

our pecular evironment—our surround-ings as a party—world deep on every side—I leave that for another paper. if I am to write another paper. But I must say an additional word on the Simons-Walling letter.

When that letter was written our party was in a state of lethargy, there had come over it a sort of apathy, a seeming indifference to the actual too, at a time when that struggle was being waged with greater intensity and more bitterness than ever before and that labor of the kind I have described looked upon that actual struggle as going on not in the rear nor on the flanks of the Socialist party, but far in advance of it. The mind of Simons became imbued with this idea as a result of his private talks with delegates

nightmare element in his vision, the letter in question was written while he erence of view accounts for the inco herence in the letter and to which Si-mons himself calls the attention of

the man to whom it was written. The idea of running off from the Se-cialist party and leaping into the thick of the fight between capital and labor as seeming to be in advance of the So-cialist party and of skulking back to get others to follow his example and of all hands trying to drag the Socialwhere expressed, or evan hinted at in the Simons-Walling letter.

the Simons-Walling letter.

But the idea of reorganizing the So-cialist party so as to put it in the field side by side with labor as an auxiliary so as to make labor see that it is there, this idea ds in the letter and is dis-tinctly set forth therein. And this idea contemplates that the Socialist party its machinery, its autonomy and only that somehow the party is to incorporate into its working program a feature that will make it an auxiliary of labor as above stated.

Hunter's article—I said it was a bomb act.

bomb, etc. See what I said. The party was in a crisis; it seemed dead, or half dead, or asleep; somebody threw dyna-mite; there was an explosion, and in a flash the party was alive and on its feet armed and ready for action. It was a beautiful sight, a thing I like to see, that waking up, that springing to arms, that drawn battle, that quick finish and that vantage gained that must be held and maintained over all opposition. But for the fact that the stand bys of the party—those in the ranks—have been trained to stand their ground and to stand to their guns, Hunter's article might make some of them libusterers and stampedists.
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But I like Hunter, and have from the first. He is a fine penman, and the black ink he flings so spots the enemy he assails that all those thus spotted stand forth as heavy head lines point-ing to perfidy which all the world may see. Hunter does not mince matters nor waste words. He speaks truth, or rather he has that scorn of speaking lies that makes him keep his mouth shut till he finds truth, and having found it, speaks it with that directness that makes you say "That man speaks

will make him prevaricate, or give currency to a lie." In conclusion what I want to say to Hunter is this: I am a SOCIALIST, and as there is but

truth, and no machinations of the devil

one word there for emphasis I under-score it and write it large, and as that meaning I wish to throw around it a few unvarnished expletives, but first repeating and re-emphasizing the fact that I am a Socialist. I have read nough, thought enough, and by

Seemingly, and by Hunter's analysis, we have among us and we appear to be composed of Philosophers, Industrials, Ruralists, Manualists, Agnostics, Christians, Marxians, Opportunists, Im-possibilists, Unionists, Industrial Workers of the Worldists, Revolutionary Proletarians, De-Leonists, and Herman F. Titusists, and Hunter seems to ask "Where is the Socialist?" taking his where is the Christian?

Now in my private beliefs I may be any of these various appellations or all of them combined, but so far as the rk to be done by the Socialist absolutely none of them, but for the different from any or all of these—I am a Socialist—that is when I go forth to the emancipation of labor is waging hold in abeyance, complete and perfect abeyance, till I prove to myself, to my comrades on this side the fring line, and the enemy on that, that I am a Socialist in the only sense in which

professes to be a Socialist.

The only Socialist is the man who mands in our country, which is grievously hampered by a constitutional system, through which the dead hand of the past keeps a heavy, restraining held. combined, and which alone, will bring it about.

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### BOTH SIDES

BY JESSIE S. HAWTHORNE.

He was a collector for X. I noted | his place and I could only learn that his helpless condition and asked: "Are this slippery weather had added a you an old soldier?" broken lest to his list of troubles. It "No" (I had won his confidence). "I

am a railroad wreck. I lost my arm earn his pittance again. I do not The company came to see me and asked 'Well, what can we do for you? We will give you five hundred dollars and a life position.' What kind of a position.' I asked, 'will it be?' It meant life to me.

"I told him a station or a train. Well, we will consider. Headquarters said, Run a train with one arm? That would never do and we must not have our

ways ready to stand trial. The trial twenty-five hundred dollars for his came, a first, second and third, with case and saved his railroad as much bought juries and, at last, a verdict of more. He had learned to spell success criminal negligence on the part of the employe. I did not receive one cent but had enough shead to pay my own doctor, which the company refused to do, and he had been so kind. Oh, lady, the God of the world is money. Every man has his price."

"No." I replied, "you could not huy the Daily Socialist. Are you a So-cialist."

"No. These things tend to make me an anarchist. I twice offered my life, swimming a frozen river, and saved an swimming a frozen river, and saved an form it and patch it up, and it keeps oncoming express and they let me go like this. I have no faith in anybody. I have been bought and sold and left a worthless wreck to do what I can. That's what they did to me."

"Why not write your story?"

"Lady, when I get home I am so tired I drop to sleep in my chair."

I missed my friend, another came in Democratic Herald.

broken leg to his list of troubles. It would be many days before he could his name or where to find him, is a wife, perhaps children. It less for me to try and find him, have only sympathy to give my friends, where everything is needed. There is another side to my friend's

story.

It was rather late one cold winter night when a prominent lawyer, wrapped in costly furs, drove his automobile into his beautiful home on the

never do and we must not have our accidents so near the public as in a station. Give him five hundred and a flag station, a fair price for an arm.'

"Employes sometimes have feelings and pluck. 'No,' I replied, 'Mr. R. R., I will not sell my life for the privilege of being tied to a flag station for one twenty-five a day. There will be a suit.'

"Very we'l, Mr. Employe, we are al-ways ready to stand trial.' The trial twenty-five hundred dollars. He had received ways ready to stand trial.' The trial twenty-five hundred dollars for his -my friend, failure.

His sons could go to college. His wife had leisure for her club, and was in-terested in philanthropic schemes of distributing plain clothing to the needy

Don't abolish the capitalist system, plead its beneficiaries; reform its abuses, for the system is all right. And they keep on year after year trying to re-form it and patch it up, and it keeps on producing its miseries and new in-justices.

The system is not all right. It is all