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LATEST REPORTS CONFIRM DEATH OF AT LEAST 75,000 PEOPLE IN ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE

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"QUAKE" SUDDENLY SHIFTS GEOGRAPHY OF COUNTRY--STRAITS OF MESSINA CHANGED.

Villages Too Numerous to Mention, Scattered Over a Wide Expanse of Territory, Are Either Badly Damaged or Entirely Destroyed--It Will Be Weeks or Perhaps Months Before the Exact Number of the Dead Will Be Known--When Wave Receded It Left a Coat of Thick Mud Over the City, Which in Many Cases Buried the Dead--In Several Towns Where Government Maintained Arsenal's the Horror Was Increased by Explosion.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM ROME SAYS: "AT LEAST 75,000 PERSONS PERISHED IN THE EARTHQUAKE WHICH OCCURRED YESTERDAY MORNING; OF THESE 12,000 ARE DEAD IN MESSINA."

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The latest news from the region which was visited by earthquake yesterday indicates that the disaster is the greatest in many years.

Professor Belar, of the Leibsch Observatory in Austria describes the disturbance as of catastrophic violence. It began at 5:22, central European time, and reached its maximum at 5:26.

He adds that the earth's unrest has reached its climax, but continues to the effect that but for this last disturbance the present year would have shown a great decrease in the unrest as compared with 1907.

Messina was stricken successively by three disasters yesterday. The first of these came in the midst of a phenomenally heavy rainfall in the early morning. At 5:20 o'clock an appalling earthquake shock was felt. It lasted for thirty-two seconds according to the scientific instruments. The ground swayed so violently as to throw men off their feet, and out of their beds, and to bring large buildings crashing to the ground with a roar of falling masonry. The hour was long before daylight. Many victims were caught in bed, and went down with the ruins of their homes. Almost immediately flames sprang up, while the terrified survivors were running at random in the streets.

Without warning an enormous wave swept in from the sea, raised as is supposed by the earth tremor. Said to be fully fifty feet high, the wall of water rolled in upon the city of Messina. It carried with it many of the smaller vessels torn from their anchorages in the harbor. The lower portions of the town were deluged. Hundreds of, according to some reports, thousands caught in the streets were swept off by the water. After inundating the lower streets, sweeping with it the victims and the wreckage of dwellings, the inundation flowed back with almost its first violence into the sea. It left the wharves and waterfront of Messina so deeply buried in mud and miscellaneous wreckage as to be impassable for the best rescuers on their later arrival.

ROME, Dec. 29.—It is reported today that the city of Messina, with 80,000 inhabitants, is almost entirely destroyed. The number of victims, it is said, may even equal that of 1783, when 20,000 people perished. One of the victims was Naval Commander Messino, who had taken a rescuing party ashore immediately after the first shock.

According to the latest reports, which are not however as yet confirmable as to details, the most disastrous part of Messina's experience was caused by a terrific tidal wave, which, following the earthquake, engulfed half of the city, sweeping away houses and scattering ruin and death.

Mount Etna seems to have been the center of the disturbance, and the surrounding portion of the island within a radius of forty miles seems to have been completely laid in waste. It is not known whether the volcano is in action, as that region is completely cut off from the world. Even the railroads in the entire eastern part of Sicily are destroyed.

Concurrently with the first shock the sea rose abnormally at Catania, carrying several fishing boats and other small vessels ashore. Soon afterward it suddenly retreated and a few persons, swamping the beach on the quay, wringing small vessels and damaging

three steamers, which narrowly escaped foundering. All communication has been destroyed throughout eastern Sicily, where the damage is the greatest, and the only definite information received by the Government from Messina, by wireless from a warship in the harbor, is that that city is almost destroyed.

The Calabrian towns of Palmi, Reggio, Scilla and Bagnara are reported to have been destroyed completely, being now merely masses of ruins. Many hundreds were killed or injured.

Numerous villages scattered over a wide expanse of territory are damaged or destroyed. Some of these are extremely inaccessible, and it may be a week before the full extent of the calamity can be computed. It is certain that the ruin is complete and broadcast.

Hundreds of the injured, taken aboard the steamers Washington and Montebello, were stupefied with fright and, believing the end of the world had come.

Five steamers have left Catania for Messina to get the thousands reported injured there. A tidal wave inundated the streets of Messina along the harbor, leaving a thick layer of mud and covering many of the dead and injured with wreckage.

Faro and Ganzirri, villages adjoining Messina, are reported to have vanished entirely. In other places after the earthquake came explosions of gas and fires that swept through the streets and spread terror and destruction.

Last night thousands slept on the ground. In mountainous inland Sicily the people have taken refuge in caves in several places, especially in Messina, men robbed the dead and injured, set fires to add to the horror and held sway until the arrival of troops.

monetary loss cannot be estimated, but must have amounted to hundreds of millions. Further shocks are expected at any minute.

Troops in Charge. A flying squadron, composed of the battalions Vittorio Emanuele, Regina Elena and the Napoli arrived at Messina to-day with supplies, and troops have been sent to many points to keep down lawlessness.

Although 2,000 troops have already been dispatched southward, and 15,000 others are on their way to the stricken districts.

The magnificent cathedral of the Norman period at Messina was damaged, its dome having fallen, but the course of the prefect escaped.

Extraordinary scenes are reported at Catania. Following a violent earth shock at 5:20 A. M., the sea rose in a tremendous wave which wrecked many houses. It then suddenly retired from the shore and returned as quickly, causing further great damage and wreckage. Awakened by the shock, the inhabitants fled panic-stricken from their homes into the streets and squares. Processions were organized and soon all the churches were filled with weeping crowds imploring divine mercy.

Cardinal Nava, Archbishop of Catania, exhorted the people to be calm. He promised that the body of St. Agatha should be carried around in procession. St. Agatha is regarded as the special deliverer from all scourges, and, according to history, the pious inhabitants of Catania diverted the course of the lava stream in 1669, when a fearful eruption of Mount Aetna took place, by extending the veil of St. Agatha toward it, thus saving the city, as the lava turned aside near the Benedictine monastery and descended into the sea.

Children Swept Away. While the number of deaths at Catania is not believed to be large, there were several tragic occurrences among the children swept away by the tidal wave as by a few fifteen months, who was torn from the arms of his mother. The mother, too, was overcome in the water and lost consciousness, but she was caught by a railing and remained there until she was rescued.

Several girl students were buried in the ruins of All, Sicily. In all alone, 2,000 persons are homeless.

In some places, such as Frizzo, Catanzaro, Santa Severina and Pisciotta, the people had the courage to enter the churches almost while they were falling and carry out the images of the saints. These they bore in procession through the open country, invoking the mercy of God.

The fate of the whole region within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to an early hour indicate that the havoc has been greater, and the destruction of life and property more terrible than Italy had experienced in

many years. Certainly the area shaken is far greater than in 1906, when the same section of the kingdom suffered. The uncertainty of the fate of tens of thousands fills all Italians with the deepest distress and alarm.

HUGGED MESSINA.

Town Wrecked by Earthquake Is Second in Italy.

The city of Messina, which appears from the latest cable advices to have been almost completely wrecked in the disastrous earthquake which yesterday visited Southern Italy and the eastern part of the island of Sicily, is built between the sea and a range of sharp hills, which give to it its title of "Hugged Messina." These hills, known as the Donamare, rise to an altitude of nearly 2,750 feet at their highest point.

The town itself runs in a picturesque semi-circle around the harbor. Travelers have frequently described the remarkable appearance of the town, the houses rising tier on tier up the slope of the hills, and backed by the wooded mountains.

Messina is the second town of Sicily in importance and size. Its population in 1880 was nearly 150,000. In 1895 it was 150,000 and has a Jesuit university of some importance. The excellence of its harbor makes it an important trading town. The harbor is formed by a tongue of low land which runs out from the shore in the form of a sickle and encloses a round basin, open to the north only, where the entrance channel is about 500 yards wide. The basin is over a mile in circumference and is of such depth that the largest ships are able to use it.

Messina has few buildings of importance or antiquity. The seiges and earthquakes from which the town has suffered have destroyed most of its monuments. After the great earthquake of 1783 the city was almost entirely rebuilt.

The cathedral, the principal building, which is reported as badly damaged in yesterday's catastrophe, is a church of the Norman period and was begun in 1098, and has suffered various vicissitudes. In 1254 it was damaged by fire, in 1559 the campanile

was burned down, in 1783 the earthquake overthrew the campanile and transept.

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The city prospered greatly during the Crusades, being a favorite rendezvous for soldiers from the Continent on route to the Holy Land. In the Middle Ages also it became a flourishing commercial city.

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HONORED BY ALL

Charles F. Bechtold's Funeral Will Be Attended by Many Class Conscious Workers.

The funeral ceremonies of Charles Frederick Bechtold, the well known Socialist and union man who died suddenly at his home at No. 953 Willoughby avenue, Brooklyn, Sunday, will be held at 2 P. M. Wednesday, in the Brooklyn Labor Union, and delegates from every progressive labor organization and from the different branches of the Socialist party in Greater New York will bear witness to the love and honor with which the deceased was regarded by his comrades in the battle for better conditions for the working class.

Mr. Bechtold was born in Ladenburg, Baden, in 1869, and came to this country when but seventeen years old. He learned the brewers' trade while working for his uncle, a Staten Island brewery owner. After that he went to St. Louis, where he became active in the union movement in which he was destined to play an important part.

At one time Mr. Bechtold was international secretary of the Brewers' Union, and was always noted for his practical and progressive work. During the past few years he was secretary of Beer Bottlers' Union No. 345. Mr. Bechtold had been an active Socialist for more than twenty years, and at the time of his death was a member of the 19th A. D. organization of the Socialist party. The deceased is survived by a widow, a grown daughter and a six-year-old son.

CASTRO'S BROTHER FLEES

With Other Army Officers to Colombia for Refuge.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 29.—General Celestino Castro, brother of ex-President Castro, of Venezuela, and several other army officers have fled the country and taken refuge in the United States of Colombia.

General Castro had command of the troops in Caracas and one of his regiments mutinied when President Gomez asked office.

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HAVE FEARS FOR CONSUL'S LIFE.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—Dr. Arthur S. Cheney, of this city, is American consul representative at Messina, Sicily. No word has been received from him since yesterday's earthquake, and fear for his safety is felt by his father, Dr. Benjamin H. Cheney, of this city.

PICTURE SHOW FIRE

Adds Color to Agitation Against Nickelodeons and Vaudeville Houses.

A fire at the moving picture show of Victor Ricardi, at No. 180 Thompson street, last night is part of the sensational developments in the agitation against nickelodeons and vaudeville houses. Lack of exits caused a small panic among the several hundred persons in the audience. The blaze was caused by the ignition of the celluloid picture films by a spark.

Following the meeting of several hundred moving picture show managers in the Murray Hill Lyceum, Third avenue and 4th street, there was a suggestion that a band in the regulation of nickelodeons and vaudeville houses be given to the clergy who have urged the Mayor to act, by having them select two inspectors whose duty it will be to report any violations of the fire laws or anything immoral in the performances.

Great interest is being displayed in the theatrical circles over the Mayor's attempt to close Hammerstein's Victoria, the Alhambra, the American and Hurler & Seamon's 125th street theater, which are among the prominent vaudeville houses of the city. Frank B. Pierce, Assistant Corporation Counsel, who was instructed to prepare the necessary papers looking to the revocation of the licenses, is expected to appear in court to-day. It is said the evidence on which he will try to close the theaters was got the Sunday prior to the Mayor's order revoking the moving picture show licenses.

STOKES MISQUOTED.

J. G. Phelps Stokes was misquoted in the report of his address in New Haven Sunday.

Mr. Stokes did not say: "In other words, we shall use two-thirds of our income for Socialism and one-third to live on." What he did say was: "I devote two-thirds of my time to Socialism and one-third to earning a living."

DIVORCE LAW TOO EASY--MRS. GRANNIS

Argues Before Sunrise Club for Stringent Regulations and Its Opposed.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis, well known for her activity as president of the Purify League, was the principal speaker by invitation before the Sunrise Club at the Cafe Boulevard last night. Mrs. Grannis talked on "Marriage and Divorce," and her remarks caused a lively discussion.

Her statement that the divorce laws were too easy and that there should be a uniform and more stringent national divorce law called forth strong criticism. She declared that women as well as men should be made members of a national committee formed to bring about such a law.

"Men do not do justice to women," Mrs. Grannis said. "I do not think that Dr. Lyman Abbott is one bit more advanced than the most bigoted person in his views on the subjugation of women. President Roosevelt has neglected golden opportunities to do justice to women, but if all women insisted on their rights we would have divorce legislation throughout this country that would benefit all women."

"If women were only meant to replenish the earth, if she were only of use for this one service, why should she be endowed with equal intelligence with men?" demanded the speaker. "I never heard of any one commending men from a public platform because they were competent to be fathers."

The church had not kept in touch with the advance of women, Mrs. Grannis said, and they were coming out of the churches, "though," she said, "grimacing." "The church," she said, "condemned the celibacy of the nuns and priests and said that 'were the church once converted to what it teaches' there would be hope of better conditions. So, happily, the church has made infidelity in wedlock a misdemeanor was her avowed delight."

"I was astounded to hear Mrs. Grannis say in one breath that she was in favor of a stringent divorce law," she said. "I do not think that the church should know that the fear of the divorce law is the more intelligent woman. The more intelligent woman is the more divorced. These will be a man or a woman should have the same right to remove a bad wife or a bad husband as he or she has to remove a bad tooth. The only arguments that are made against divorce are made on religious grounds."

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STAGE AGAINST CHURCH

Brooklyn Priest Makes Distinction As to Right Kind of Plays.

"The stage is the daughter of the church, and should be dedicated to the uplifting of man, not to his debasement. The stage of the present day is, to a great extent, antagonistic to the church, because of the sort of plays presented. The billboards advertising many attractions are the devil's work, especially those which advertise what is called 'high-class burlesque.'"

Thus spoke the Rev. John F. Nash, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in Brooklyn, in a lecture on "The Church and the Stage" in Institute Hall.

Father Nash is of the opinion that as long as plays and players harbor the teachings of the church they are to be patronized and admired, but the other kind deserve only the severest condemnation.

Further he said: "There is another class of entertainments which I would condemn: plays staged behind a mask, where the theme is the washing of dirty linen. The plots of such plays are the devil's work. A sample of the unright play is 'Salome.' This piece was the product of the diseased imagination of Oscar Wilde."

RED CROSS AT WORK.

Funds Already Being Collected for Earthquake Victims--Ask Help.

The New York state branch of the Red Cross Society has just been asked by the national organization at Washington to issue an appeal for funds to help in the relief work of the victims of the earthquake in Italy.

All those willing to assist should send their donations to Jacob Schiff, No. 500 Fifth avenue, who will forward them to Washington where the funds will be transferred by cable to the Italian Red Cross Society, which is already on the scene of the disaster.

MR. CARNEGIE IN A NEW ACT

He Comes to the Front with the Plan of Sharing System for the Workmen.

Fredt sharing, the old scheme to make the workman a partner to the millionaire and by so doing do away with all labor problems, was revived yesterday by Andrew Carnegie in an article published in "The World's Work" magazine. The article was taken from Mr. Carnegie's new book, "Problems of To-day."

Mr. Carnegie believes that "every corporation could well afford to sell shares to its saving workmen, giving preference in repayment at cost as a first charge in case of disaster, just as present laws provide first for the mechanic's lien and the homestead exemption. This is due to the working man who necessarily buys the shares without knowledge and is asked to buy them, not solely for his own advantage but for the benefit of the company as well as the advantage of both."

He is fully aware that his ideas will be combated by "the old revolutionary of capitalistic conditions and by the narrow, grasping employer whose creed is to purchase his labor as he does his materials, paying the price agreed upon and ending there, but he rather rejoices in the opposition of extremists."

Mr. Carnegie gets enthusiastic when the prospect of the happy state of society looms up before him, and he grows eloquent: "So marches labor up the heights to equality with the partner millionaire as his partner in business. The first step upward was the payment of arrears and slaves; by providing clothes and clothing the second the giving of orders upon stores for articles; the third the payment of wages in cash."

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HAINS IS NOW LEADING

In His Race for Life--Prosecution Defeated on Almost Every Point--Parents to Testify.

Thornton Jenkins Hains, on trial in the Flushing Court House for complicity in the murder of William E. Annis, was in high spirits to-day when he was led into the trial room by the deputy sheriff who had brought him from the Queens County jail at Long Island City.

Hains' chief counsel, John F. McIntyre, was also smiling and assured. Mr. McIntyre and his client both believe the testimony given by witnesses in the defense has been so convincing that Thornton Hains not only did not urge his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., to the shooting, but that he had actually purchased the revolver which was used in the murder. With its own witnesses the defense has contradicted every point of the prosecution.

Mr. McIntyre, in his efforts to free Thornton Hains, has also prepared the way for a defense of the shooting by Captain Hains when the latter is brought to trial. In doing this he has wiped out all possibility of making Captain Hains a witness for Thornton, but the lawyer doesn't believe any statement from the army officer will be necessary.

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MEXICAN CASE TO BE BEGUN SOON

Union Miner's Lawyer Will Help Defend Persecuted Liberal Leaders.

Correspondence to The Call. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—In a few days the three Mexican labor leaders, Ricardo Flores Magon, Antonio I. Villarreal and Librado Rivera, who have been held prisoners in the county jail sixteen months, after being arrested on trumped-up charges at the instigation of the Mexican government, will be removed to Tombstone, Ariz., to be tried for conspiring to invade Mexico with an army for the purpose of overthrowing that government.

Attorney W. B. Cleary, of Bisbee, Ariz., who has been retained by the Bisbee Miners' Union to conduct the defense of the Mexicans, has been in Los Angeles the past week conferring with the prisoners regarding their case. Mr. Cleary has the entire confidence of the miners, for whom he has won a number of legal victories in their contests with the powerful Copper Queen Mining Company.

GOES BLIND PREACHING. SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Dec. 23.—While in the pulpit preaching to Rev. W. L. Y. Davis, of High Street M. E. Church, was suddenly stricken with almost total blindness. A blood vessel gave way in the left eye, forming a clot on the retina. As he has had trouble with the other eye lately, Dr. Davis is practically blind now. Physicians say that absolute rest is the only thing that will save his sight.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Eight years in prison for stealing eight cents per cent from an Oakland store was the punishment dealt out yesterday to George Gron, who with a companion entered the store. Gron pleaded guilty. This sentence is in startling contrast to a year and a half given to J. D. Brown, who wrecked the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company and robbed 1,300 depositors of nearly \$9,000,000.

BANKS' BIG INTEREST.

Savings Institutions Turn Over \$20,000,000 to Depositors. The savings bank depositors of New York City will receive in dividends due at the end of the year a total of more than \$20,000,000. The depositors number 1,749,914. The prevailing rate of interest for the year paid by the savings banks in Manhattan and the Bronx declared this rate as did most of those in Brooklyn.

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- Local Keene, New Hampshire, through Secretary F. B. Cass, writes: "I enclose \$1.00 as first instalment on a \$5.00 bond. The Call must go out from day to day to spread the good tidings." Robin Gorky, Chas. W. Rieker, Joseph Berman, Jos. Grubitzer, D. R., Harry L. Greenbaum, A. Brummer, Evelyn Hughan, John Berson, Mrs. S. Hemberger, Miss T. Blitzer, Bertha Hemberger, Local Bayonne, S. F., E. Juettner, Winifred Cooley, Local, Keene, N. H., A. C. Craig, S. P., Edward F. Cassidy, W. H. Luttman, Henry Carless, Jennie Leaf, Nora Dorn, Nathilda S. Lee, Sam Elges, Herman Lloyd, Essex Co. Local S. P., Fred E. Martin, Branch Orange, D. McGilvray, Franklin N. H., Thomas Nislow, Local S. P., M. Neuman, O. Watson Flavelle, Sara Prensky, H. Greenberg, D. Perky

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SISTERS WHO ARE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER



MRS. ERB'S TRIAL AT MEDIA ON

Woman Charged with Having Killed Her Husband Along with Her Sister Must Face Court.

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—District Attorney Robinson and the counsel for the defense are in readiness for the trial of Mrs. Erb and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, on the charge of murdering Captain J. Clayton Erb, in the Delaware County court here today. The accused women have three of the ablest lawyers of the county for their defense, and the district attorney's office will make a hard fight for their conviction.

LIVELY CAMPAIGN

Toronto Socialists Put Up Good Fight—Will Cast Big Vote.

SPECIAL TO THE CALL. TORONTO, Can., Dec. 23.—This city is in the midst of a lively municipal campaign, as the local elections take place on New Year's Day, and all the parties are making the most of the few last days.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF CALL BONDS.

Have you taken the suggestion of Mrs. Bertha Howe, who has sent a portion of her Christmas money to the Sustaining Fund of The Call? The Call will not return your gift, but it is now and hereafter will be a gift to you and to all who toll. Shall we not keep this gift and build and strengthen and beautify it for even greater service?

AGAINST ALIEN LABOR.

Musicians See President about Violations of Labor Laws. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt has asked Secretary Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to make a full report to him on the charges filed with him by the American Federation of Musicians that the alien contract labor law is being violated by amusement managers in the United States.

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EMPLOYING PRINTERS GET TOGETHER

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A meeting, which was attended by representatives of more than 200 printing firms, was held last evening in the Broadway Central Hotel to consider the state of the trade. The meeting was the result of a call signed by a number of the largest printing firms in the city, both independent and those having branches in the trade.

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Strength and Solidarity of Men Battle the Employers. DETERMINED to obtain fair wages, hours and conditions of employment, the striking cab drivers and taxicab chauffeurs are conducting their fight in such a masterly manner that they are a puzzle to experienced strike-breaking agencies. The employers have special detectives, Birmingham's police force, the capitalist newspapers and all other weapons at the disposal of the masters, but with all they have not caused a single desertion in the ranks of the strikers.

WROTE CONTEMPT EDITORIAL

Former Editor of "Mine Workers' Journal" Says He Is the Author. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—S. M. Sexton, former editor of The "Mine Workers' Journal," replying yesterday to comments on the conviction of John Mitchell in the Bucks Stove case, said that he himself wrote the editorial for which Mitchell was convicted, and that Mitchell knew nothing about it.

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WOMEN SLAVES NOT REAL WIVES. Mrs. Gilman Says True Marriage is based on Economic Independence.—Property Instinct Demanded.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 23

"The industrial conditions of the modern home are such as to delay often prevent marriage," declared Charlotte Perkins Gilman, of New York, in a talk on "How Do Men Continue to React on the Family?" yesterday's session of the American Sociological Society.

WOMEN SLAVES NOT REAL WIVES

"Since 'the home' is supposed to arise out of marriage, it looks as though the situation were fatal. So far, not seeing any things, we have merely followed the world old habits of blaming the man. She used to be content with these conditions, we say, she used to be now back to nature! The woman refuses to go back—the man refuses to go forward—and marriage waits. The initial condition of economic independence, really necessary for a woman to be a wife, is her own mistress, in accepting a husband and her life with him, higher and the grade of her companionship open to them, her economic dependence of the man militates against a true marriage that the element of the economic degrades and commercializes the marriage toward which women are one's property or servant. Such a marriage will find expression in a different home. The motherhood, Mrs. Gilman said.

A GRAND AFFAIR.

Russian Social Democrats Will Record Breaking Entertainment. That the nineteenth annual ball and concert of the Russian Social Democrats, to be given at Murray Hill, Dec. 24, at 34th street and Third Avenue, New York City, will be the greatest affair of its kind ever seen in this city is assured by the preparations being made for the entertainment. The guests and the rapidly with the tickets are selling.

UNEMPLOYED ENGINEERS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Thirteen eleven and a half per cent of the members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers at present unemployed. This is a very high percentage, but the probability is that the figure is lower, as there are many members disintegrated to benefit who are unemployed, and of whom no record is made in the society's list of working members.

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"REFUGEE" IN CAMP

Dean of Northwestern Law School and Famous Legal Authority Hurts Bombshell in Camp of Reactionaries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A bomb shell was thrown in the midst of the reactionaries who are trying to hand over the political refugees in this country to the czar's hangman, John Wigmore, Dean of the Northwestern Law School, the most important law school west of Harvard, and an eminently conservative man, after a perusal of the testimony in the Rudowitz case, submits an opinion that the prisoner is a political refugee and that according to the law he could not be extradited.

Mr. Wigmore is author of "Wigmore on Evidence," which is the standard modern text book in all law schools. The following is the opinion in his charge for the Protection of Immigrants: "Ladies and Gentlemen—Having been requested by Judge Mack and Hon. Wm. J. Calhoun, your committee, to peruse the record in the case of Rudowitz, recently decided by United States Commissioner [redacted], and to express my opinion on the facts as shown by the evidence in the record, I have made a careful perusal of the 123 pages of testimony, and will now state my opinion.

Divides the Evidence.
"I take it that the issue is separable into four questions. I will state these with my answer; and will then add the facts upon which my answers are based."

Question 1. What criminal acts, if any, were done in Russia at the time and place in question, viz., Jan. 1905, in Benen, Courland?
"Answer: There were committed (1) three homicides in one family and (2) the murder of a woman, Mrs. Christian Leshinsky; (c) the daughter, Mrs. Wilhelmina Leshinsky."

Question 2. The arson of a building, being the dwelling house in which was the mother above named.
"Answer: The robbery of 30 rubles, gold ornaments and a watch from the house of T. A. Kinze, husband of Mrs. Kinze."

Question 3. Which, if any, of these acts did Rudowitz do or take part in?
"Answer: The killings were done by a band of twelve or fifteen men. It is not apparent that Rudowitz was one of this band or was present. What little evidence there is in the affirmative connects him personally with (1) the killing of the mother, Christian Leshinsky, but not of the two children; (2) the arson; (3) but not the robbery."

"If present at all he would be legally chargeable with the acts of the others done under the common purpose, namely, the killings. But the evidence identifying him as present (which he denies) is too slight to produce even probable belief. He did, however, attend and approve the meeting at which the killing were voted, and thus would probably be legally chargeable with the killings though absent from the acts."

Question 4. Which, if any, of these criminal acts were political?
"Answer: All were purely political."

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"(2) The arson was done as a part of this punishment, and was in pursuance of a similar vote, before the existing government's military authorities in punishing members of this revolutionary party."

"(3) The robbery was the act of a part of the band separate from that with which the identifying evidence purports to connect Rudowitz; furthermore, it was (b) not an act chargeable to him as part of the band's common purpose, because the vote and order to execute the killings and burn the house did not order any taking of goods or money; (c) in any case, the probability is that the money was taken with the object of providing funds for the purchase of arms, as done in other cases at the time; (d) in any case, it was merely incidental to the killing, and thus was not separable from the political character of the latter, to consider it separable would be an unreasonable assumption that Rudowitz, before the existing government's military authorities in punishing members of this revolutionary party."

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The Evidence.
"Answer 3. (1) The killing. The name of Rudowitz is not mentioned in the testimony."

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by any witness as connected with any part except the killing of the mother Leshinsky. The son Christof was in that house; he testified that two men only, doing the killing and burning, in his first deposition, taken Jan. 29, 1906, and said that one of them wore blue glasses and a handkerchief covering his face; the other was uncovered and had a mustache and was about twenty years old, and in his fright he could not observe his looks, and does not identify them. But in his second deposition, given June 27, 1907, seven months later, he said that five persons entered; one of these, wearing blue glasses and a face handkerchief, he recognized as Urban; another, whose face was smeared and covered with a handkerchief, he recognized as Rudowitz, by stature, voice and clothes. These descriptions in his two depositions are totally inconsistent as to the person identified as Rudowitz; moreover, Rudowitz is 25 years old and not 20. It is to be plain that in the lapse of time between the two depositions, the witness' memory had been supplied by suggestion from others as to Rudowitz.

"The only other identifying evidence in the case is that of the witness Benen. This witness, in great fear, looked out of the window at 12:30 P. M., and among eight persons recognized Rudowitz as he passed in the yard. The witness says that it was moonlight; but against this is (1) the weather record, which shows that the moon was about half full, 20 degrees high, and the sky 2 to 4-10ths covered; (2) the testimony of witness Vitol, that on account of the darkness of the night it was impossible to see very well the persons who did the acts."

"The identifying evidence is, therefore, too slight to be of any value."

Memo Have Other Motives.
"As to Rudowitz's denial, it need not be taken into account in reaching this conclusion, because he obviously has a motive to refrain from admitting in these proceedings his presence there. But as corroborative inference may be drawn from the fact, which both he and Christof Leshinsky (the son) assert, that Rudowitz's wife and children were at the time in the house of Mother Leshinsky when Christof was, and which was burned. Because (1) Christof has nothing to say about having questioned Rudowitz's wife next day; and, if he had at the time even suspected that Rudowitz was one of this band or was present, what little evidence there is in the affirmative connects him personally with (1) the killing of the mother, Christian Leshinsky, but not of the two children; (2) the arson; (3) but not the robbery."

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Use of Arms No Secret.
"(b) The popular revolutionary party was openly, widely, and systematically using arms to produce the desired changes. In numerous districts the removal of officers was made by force; the barracks in forcible repression by the existing national government; arms were collected in large numbers, in many instances the government soldiers gave to the revolutionaries their own guns and ammunition; commonly taken to the extra supplies at the barracks. In other cases the revolutionaries took the arms by force from the houses of the barons or landholders, the hitherto dominant class. The revolutionaries had an organized militia within the party, substantially similar to the 'Minute men' of the American revolution. The total armed force of the revolutionaries was divided by districts and amounted to some scores of thousands."

"(c) The government military forces were actively repressing these revolutionaries by force. One of the means used was to garrison the houses of the landlords in different districts. Another was to send around expeditions from time to time into various districts, and destroy the revolutionaries' armed forces in small detachments, and in some instances, before they would unite, such as in the operations around Boston in 1775 before the American Colonist's military organization was perfected at Philadelphia. In one instance, at least, a large city, containing a force of regular soldiers, was besieged by the revolutionaries' forces, and the besiegers were then themselves surrounded by a large force of regular soldiers and beaten off, thus relieving the city. One estimate of the total killed in the campaign is 12,000 on the national government side and 50,000 upon the revolutionaries' side."

"Punitive Expedition" Raid.
"(d) This condition of things was most active at the district in question two months before. In November, 1905, the district in which Benen lies was raided by a so-called 'punitive expedition,' consisting of soldiers and Cossacks, and as many of the bodies and individuals as were found with arms or pointed out as having taken part, were shot and their houses burned. One of the first acts of the czar's government in 1907 was to demand an explanation of these acts from the government. The young brother of the witness Juraw, a leader of the revolutionaries, was taken from his bed, and was shot and killed in front of the house for not telling his brother's whereabouts. Summary killing of the revolutionaries, or persons suspected of being such, appears to have been a common practice, the houses regularly burned, and cruel tortures applied to obtain information."

"During the month of January, 1906, in which occurred the killing in issue, this state of revolutionary armed force continued. Martial law had been proclaimed in August, 1905, and in November, 1905, the arts under martial law was enlarged. The district in which Benen lies was under martial law for some time after January, 1906, under the jurisdiction of martial law. This gave the military forces of the national government under their system certain rights of summary execution, and correspondingly gave such rights to the revolutionaries, so as to fix upon their acts of summary force, if duly authorized by their officers, a political character as revolutionary acts of force."

"(e) After temporary suppression of public force, the revolutionaries continued their organization and acted by punishing those opponents who, by giving information had led to the killing of the revolutionary officer, as to prepare for a renewal of a force. At the period in question it was still both possible and probable that the revolution would be successful in completely overturning the national government. The fact that still in 1907, that the revolution was ultimately suppressed, is immaterial. In judging the status of the parties in January, 1907, if, for example, in 1906, at the first battle after the Declaration of Independence, the American revolution had failed, the status of the parties in 1776 would not have been affected."

Treachery Aided Car.
"(f) Among these informers, a mass of reports agreed in naming Wilhelmina Kinze and her mother and father, the Leshinskys. The testimony is unimpaired in the Benen district, had been due to the betrayal of the revolutionary leaders by these specific persons giving information to the military authorities, and gave the military to the government military. The summary execution of spies is a conceded feature of a state of war; and the existence of martial law was a state of war so far as affects the acts of the revolutionaries. (g) Their death was ordered late in December, 1905, by the sub-committee at Zhergan, the district in which Benen belonged, and by the superior council at Mitau, the district in which the Leshinskys lived. Christof, including Zhergan, the sub-committee of Zhergan sent a delegate to the Mitau council, and at the meeting of the Mitau council his report and that of delegates from other districts, to the same effect were the basis of the vote. The correctness of the information is immaterial; but it was in fact correct, as appears from the testimony of Theodore Kinze. The Mitau council vote was unanimous in favor of the Zhergan committee to do the act."

"(h) The three killings were done specifically for this purpose, and for no other. This is plainly evidenced by the testimony of Theodore Kinze (husband of Wilhelmina Kinze) and of Christof Leshinsky (son of Trisa and Christian Leshinsky, the parents), for the prosecution. The band stated to them that they came for the purpose of killing Theodore Kinze. The killing followed in less than thirty (30) days after the votes had been passed."

Socialist Notes.
Notices of meetings must be in this office by noon of the day previous to publication. All meetings begin at 8 P. M., unless otherwise specified.

To-Night's Meetings.
MANHATTAN AND BRONX.
Business.
11th A. D.—545 Eighth avenue. Election of officers.
212 A. D. (Branch 1)—2669 Third avenue.

BROOKLYN.
Concert and Ball.
The grand entertainment to be held for the benefit of The Call Sustaining Fund at Prospect Hall, Prospect Avenue, near 75th, under the auspices of the South Brooklyn branches, will be the great attraction in that section, and a fine time is expected. George R. Kirkpatrick will speak, and there will be music of all kinds.

Organization Work.
There will be a meeting of the 4th A. D. at 32 Bartlett street, for the purpose of strengthening the organization and enrolling new members. All Socialists of that district are invited to attend and join the organization.

NATIONAL.
The Mexican Case.
The following letter is self-explanatory: "Chicago, December 24, 1908. To the Socialist and Labor Press. 'Comrade' E. J. Burns, the national executive committee of the Socialist Party, in session December 18-20, 1908, after duly considering the facts presented regarding the arrest, detention and imprisonment of Ricardo Magon, Antonio J. Villarreal, Librado Rivera and others of the Mexican Liberal party, adopted the following motion: 'Motion.—That we recommend to the Socialist and labor press to pay special attention to these cases in order to acquaint the people with the facts of the case and to prevent any miscarriage of justice.' 'The persons named above are now in jail at Tucson, Ariz., on the charge of endeavoring to invade Mexico with an armed force. A number of charges against them, ranging from petty larceny to that of murder, have already been successfully fought in California. The trial is expected to take place on January 12 next, and you will confer a favor by giving such space and attention as is possible to the subject as above suggested. 'Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I remain, my dear comrades, 'Fraternally yours, 'J. MAHLON BARNES, 'National Secretary.' Committee Meeting.

Considerable business was transacted at the meeting of the national executive committee held December 18, 19 and 20. The most important points decided were: 1. To prepare a circular to be sent to every local in the United States calling for the holding of meetings, circulation of petitions, raising

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11th A. D.—545 Eighth avenue. Election of officers.
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Organization Work.
There will be a meeting of the 4th A. D. at 32 Bartlett street, for the purpose of strengthening the organization and enrolling new members. All Socialists of that district are invited to attend and join the organization.

NATIONAL.
The Mexican Case.
The following letter is self-explanatory: "Chicago, December 24, 1908. To the Socialist and Labor Press. 'Comrade' E. J. Burns, the national executive committee of the Socialist Party, in session December 18-20, 1908, after duly considering the facts presented regarding the arrest, detention and imprisonment of Ricardo Magon, Antonio J. Villarreal, Librado Rivera and others of the Mexican Liberal party, adopted the following motion: 'Motion.—That we recommend to the Socialist and labor press to pay special attention to these cases in order to acquaint the people with the facts of the case and to prevent any miscarriage of justice.' 'The persons named above are now in jail at Tucson, Ariz., on the charge of endeavoring to invade Mexico with an armed force. A number of charges against them, ranging from petty larceny to that of murder, have already been successfully fought in California. The trial is expected to take place on January 12 next, and you will confer a favor by giving such space and attention as is possible to the subject as above suggested. 'Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I remain, my dear comrades, 'Fraternally yours, 'J. MAHLON BARNES, 'National Secretary.' Committee Meeting.

Considerable business was transacted at the meeting of the national executive committee held December 18, 19 and 20. The most important points decided were: 1. To prepare a circular to be sent to every local in the United States calling for the holding of meetings, circulation of petitions, raising

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2. To allow the organizations of foreign speaking Socialists to join the Socialist party in the following manner: The local subdivisions of such organizations shall affiliate with the state organization of the party in the states in which they are respectively organized, and pay dues through such state organizations and transmit the business of the party in the same manner as any local of the party in organized states.

The locals of foreign speaking Socialists may form national committees for the purpose of propaganda and organization among their countrymen, and may adopt constitutions and by-laws governing the duties of such committees, but such constitutions or by-laws shall not be in conflict with the constitution of the Socialist party and shall not impose additional dues upon the members of the foreign speaking organizations. The national committee of foreign speaking organizations may establish methods of communication between their organizations and the national office of the party through official translators and by other methods to be agreed upon between them, and the national office shall contribute towards the expense of the work of organization and propaganda among the foreign speaking organizations in such sums as may be warranted by the dues collected from the members of the respective organizations, or by furnishing special organizers or literature. The form and extent of such contributions shall

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OTTO VS. SEIGER AT DRY DOCK

The Dry Dock Athletic Club, 16th street and Avenue D, opens to-night with a star six-round bout in which Young Otto meets Joe Seiger.

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Heroic and inspiring as are the two chief vocal parts of the opera, which are scored for soprano and baritone, and which were essayed last evening by Miss Mary Garden, the American prima donna of the Manhattan, and Maurice Renaud, the soloist of the Paris Opera, who is as great an actor as he is a singer.

For so comprehensively heavy an instrumental support, the solo roles are wanting in consistently maintained musical direction. There are episodes, however, wherein the utterances of the vocalists is couched in a phraseology of certain nobility and elevating quality.

So far in advance of her work as Jean, the Juggler, in the Massenet "miracle play" is Miss Garden's "Thais" that I scarcely recognized in her the same actress who in the clear and lustrous soprano linked the two characters. From a role in which her histrionic, and, in fact, her vocal, development is retrogressed, she is now in a role which is a task, formidably difficult though it be.

Of the part of Nicolas, M. Valles played a very interesting study, and his tenor, of agreeable quality and finished style of delivery, aroused much favorable comment among his multitude of auditors. He was exceptionally good in the first act, in the brief quartette, mere four part passage, with Miss Garden, M. Renaud, Mlle. Trentini and Mlle. Ponzano.

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To-morrow evening, in Mendelssohn Hall, West 49th street, the first of three New York performances of the American Music Society, of which David Bispham is the president.

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PULLMAN PORTERS AND THEIR PAY.

Testifying before Commissioner Lane in Chicago, General Manager Dean of the Pullman Company said:

"A tip is entirely voluntary (to the porter) because it is usually not paid until after the service is performed and the porter knows he has to treat the passenger properly or he will not get it. The tipping system is largely a matter of selfishness, anyway, and was brought about by the desire of some persons to get better service than some one else. We pay our porters \$25 per month, which is about as much as the average negro earns in other lines of work, and in addition we give porters and conductors an extra month's pay for good service for a year. This payment amounted to \$185,000 last year. Besides that, if a man is disabled we give him a pension amounting to half his salary."

Rev. George W. Slater, Jr., a colored clergyman who has paid particular attention to the condition of the colored Pullman car porters, comments in the "Daily Socialist" as follows:

"Let me call your attention to three things in this testimony which ought to open the eyes of at least every Pullman porter and family, if not every colored wage worker, as to his real economic condition and ought to enlist the sympathy of every person, white or black who has left in him any love for the laboring class of people. These three things are: First, \$25 per month salary; second, the voluntary tip; third, \$12.50 per month disability pension."

"1. To be a Pullman porter, one must be an able bodied man, for the work is hard and nerve racking. You will see that the only way these strong men get a \$25 per month, \$6.25 per week, \$9 2-7 cents per day. Think of it that these men, many of them with families, do this hard work out of which the Pullman Company realizes a profit at least of 15 to 20 per cent for \$9 2-7 cents per day! This miserable day's pay is all that this company obligates itself to pay the porters. No man can live comfortably on this small pay. In order to get a living he has to go to the trains these porters must live largely in these cities where the cost of living and enjoying life is very high. If you reckon on the expense of an unmarried man, it is plain that the porter's salary is miserably small. To live will cost him per week about the following: Meals, \$3.15; room, \$1.50; laundry, 60 cents; shaves and haircut, 55 cents; car fares, 30 cents—making a total of \$8.10, leaving only 15 cents for little pleasures, self-improvement, provision for a 'rainy day' or old age. Now anybody with good common sense knows that it is impossible for any man to live in anyway like a human being on 15 cents unless he supplements it through begging or stealing."

ONE WAY TO CURE HICCOUGHES.

Did you ever take nine swallows of water to cure the hiccoughs? Do you remember the time some one scared the hiccoughs away by telling you of a whipping due for some meanness?

Well, science has been studying hiccoughs and caught the hiccoughs by the "nape of the neck." The nine swallows of water had a little science in it, and so did the scare cure. The scientific hiccough cure consists in pressing down to numbness the nerve that connects the stomach, heart, lungs and brain, the pneumogastric nerve. The pressure partially and locally paralyzes this nerve and of necessity the hiccoughing must cease. And be at ease with the muscles of the neck relaxed as much as possible. Grasp both sides of the neck somewhat toward the back part and press down steadily and as hard as the subject can bear for about one minute, having the patient work the head from side to side. Within about one minute the nerve will be numbed and rested and the spasmodic motion will cease. It may require but longer pressure in some cases, but the result is sure if patience is maintained.—Ohio State Journal.

THE CALL LIBRARY CONTEST

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POPULAR READINGS

THE OPPRESSION OF CUSTOM.

By John Addington Symonds.

We suffer much from the tyranny of majorities, the oppression of custom, the gregarious instinct of commonplace and timid persons. True culture tends to the differentiation of individualities, by enabling people to find out what they are made for, what they can do best, what their deepest self requires for its accomplishment. True culture is never in a condescending attitude. It knows that no kind of power, however trivial, ought to be regarded with contempt. People who carve chryseidons, dance ballet, turn ronds-carrés, are as much needed as those who till the soil, construct cabinets or fabricate new theories about the universe. True culture respects hand labor upon equal terms with brain labor, the mechanic with the inventor with the singer of poems, the actor with the playwright. The world wants all sorts and wants each sort to be of the best quality. Culture is not an end in itself. It prepares a man for life, for work, for action, for the reception and emission of ideas. Life itself is larger than education, than art, than science. Life does not exist for them, but they for life.

SOME RECIPES.

To Candy Nuts and Fruits.

Three cups of sugar, one cup of water; boil until it hardens when dropped into water. Then flavor with lemon, but do not boil after the lemon is in. Put a nut on the end of a fine knitting needle, dip into mixture; take out and turn on needle till cool. If the candy gets cold, set on the stove for a few minutes. Malaga grapes and oranges, quartered, may be candied in the same way.

Confection Penachia.

Half a pound of figs, cut, not chopped, into small pieces, one tablespoonful of sugar, one ounce of chocolate and one pound of granulated sugar, to which is added just enough water to dissolve the sugar. Cook slowly till it creams, then remove from fire and add a pound of English nut meats broken into bits, and three quarters of a pound of Ford dates cut into small pieces. Beat the whole mixture lightly with a spoon until it begins to strain, then pour into shallow buttered pans, cut into squares when cool and keep in a cool, dry place until ready to serve.

Potato Tart.

Sixteen eggs, three quarter pounds of sugar, one pound of potatoes grated, one quarter pound almonds, blanched and chopped, half teaspoon cinnamon, some citron cut fine, one tablespoonful of corn starch, half tablespoonful of clover. Beat eggs separately very light, mixing together and add other ingredients. Bake until done in a rather slow oven.

Brandy Sauce.

One half cup of butter, one cup of sugar, beat until very light, add one half glass of brandy. Can be served hot or put on ice and served as hard sauce for apple dumplings.

THE CHURCH FAILURE.

Under the title "The Failure of the Church to Produce Moral Character," Professor George E. Dawson, in the January number of the "Homiletic Review," brings an indictment of the church which most non-religious magazines would be loth to print. He says in part: "The church has had a supreme opportunity to incorporate Christ's spirit and work in the civilization that bears His name. It has had a supreme opportunity to make men dependent upon the sense of the capitalistic class that their moral future is mortgaged. Who can doubt where the sympathies of those men and those institutions that have so richly benefited by the gifts of wealthy corporations are in the present efforts of the United States Government to bring such corporations to justice? And in this, they are but repeating the history of their kind."

OUR DAILY POEM

THE NEW TIME.

There shall come, from out this noise of strife and groaning, A broader and a juster brotherhood, A deep equality of aim, postponing All selfish seeking to the general good; There shall come a time when each shall to another Be as Christ would have him, brother unto brother; There shall come a time when brotherhood grows stronger Than the narrow bounds which now distract the world; When the cannons roar and trumpets blare no longer, And the ironed rusts and battlements are furled; When the bars of creed and speech and race, which sever, Shall be fused in one humanity forever. —Lewis Morris.

THE EVENING CALL PATTERN



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DIET AND CONSUMPTION

At the conference of domestic science teachers at the tuberculous exhibition, at the Museum of Natural History, Dr. Thomas D. Wood, of Teachers College, presented himself as a living proof of what the right sort of diet can do in a case of tuberculosis. Dr. Wood, who looks as healthy as a human being can, said that for five years he fought a hard fight against tuberculosis—and with the handicap of a congenitally weak, impaired digestion. "The moral effect of marking out a regime and adhering to it is good in itself," he said. "The diet is marked out for myself caused me distress at first. I ate, each day, knowing it would give me pain. After a time it ceased to distress me and then began to do me good. "The sentiment now is in favor of any special food, but of a mixed diet for consumptives. In tuberculosis there is a great capacity for solid food, and the cure may depend on forcing that capacity. The chief object of what the dietitian is frequently the most important factor in the treatment. Milk, butter, eggs and olive oil were most important. Dr. Wood said, and should be incorporated in the dishes taken at meals. "There is a movement now toward a return to the three meals a day regime," he said. "Extra meals have been found to disturb a patient's digestion very often. Anything is taken between meals let it be raw eggs—not beaten, or flavored, but swallowed plain with a little salt or lemon juice; or beef juice—not beef extract, but the juices pressed from beef. "Breakfast may consist of eggs, soft boiled or poached; toast, or the crisp crust of rolls; oranges, grape fruit, stewed prunes with cream and coffee or cocoa, or in some cases tea made with a drop of milk. Breakfast cereals are too bulky and mushy to be of much use. Dinner—in the middle of the day—should consist of soup, meat—beef, mutton, lamb or chicken; almost any vegetable except the watery ones, potato and tomato salad with plenty of olive oil, and ice cream or simple pudding. The supper should be light, but there may be hot meat. There are many people who find it better to eat a little meat. And for the people of delicate digestion it is better, as a rule, to take stewed fruit instead of raw at any meal except breakfast. "Some one in the audience asked about the use of alcohol in tuberculosis. "My conviction is that the patient is better off without it, unless, indeed, he has been accustomed to drink it," he said. "In any case it is better not to try to break off old habits. But the patient shouldn't decide the amount; it should be prescribed by the physician. Of course, there are always delicate cases where the physician will prescribe it anyway. "Dr. Wood laid great stress on the importance of intelligence in the kitchen, and intelligence in the market. Those who prepare the food, and those who buy it, should be in importance with those who prepare the medicine. The time will come when it will be a crime to place before any one tainted meat, fruit that is not fresh, food of any kind that is not fresh."

Advertisement for Dr. Wood's Diet and Consumption, featuring a portrait of the doctor and text describing his expertise in treating tuberculosis through diet.

Advertisement for HENRY FRAHME TRUSSMAKER, located at 1499 3d Ave., New York, offering various types of trusses and stockings.

Advertisement for OPTICIANS, DON'T LOOK FOR BARGAINS, and DENTISTS, featuring a portrait of a man and text about eye examinations and dental services.

Advertisement for DR. JOHN MUTH, DENTIST, located at 61 2d Ave., New York, offering various dental services.

Advertisement for DR. NEUMAN CHESS, SURGEON DENTIST, located at 649 East Ninth Street, New York.

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