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ALL DAY PLEA BY M'INTYRE BEGINS

Lawyer for the Defence of Thornton Hains Starts His Summing Up to the Jury; Thornton Jenkins Hains will listen to-day to the last plea for his life, which will be made by John F. McIntyre, his chief counsel. Mr. McIntyre, it is expected, will consume the entire day in his summing up speech, and will tell of all incidents leading up to the slaying of William E. Annis by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., at the Bayside Yacht Club last August and will describe the killing as told by witnesses for the defence. The summing up of the defence will be followed by the final speech to the jury by Special Prosecutor Darrin, who will talk the greater part of to-morrow. Then will come the charge of Justice Crane to the jury and the case will be given to the jury on Thursday. It was expected that Elmer S. White would make the closing speech for the prosecution, but at the last moment Mr. Darrin declared he would take the whole contract of convicting Thornton Hains upon himself. This decision came as a surprise to Darrin's associates. Mr. White would not discuss the sudden change and had no criticism to make of it. Justice Crane has pointedly said more than once during the course of the trial that he will instruct the jury that the mental condition of Captain Hains cannot enter into the final determination of the evidence by the jury as to whether Thornton Hains had a part in the murder of Annis, but it was said to-day that Mr. McIntyre in his summing up speech would make this one of his strongest points, in the hope that he can sway the jury. Mr. McIntyre also will attempt to convince the jury on the evidence given by General and Mrs. Peter C. Hains, father and mother of his client, that Peter C. Hains, owing to his mental condition, was placed in the custody of Thornton, after the confession of the former's wife, Claudia Hains, and will try to show that Thornton had been asked by his parents not to permit the captain out of his sight. Thornton Hains' defense got a severe jolt during the close of the evidence. Not since he was on the stand and under the cross fire of the prosecutor has the writer of novels been more unnerved than when he was led away after court adjourned yesterday. In rebuttal the special prosecutor called the wives of several members of the Bayside Yacht Club to clear up any doubt as to the presence of Mrs. William E. Annis on the yacht club float at the time of the tragedy. Mrs. Florence E. Hill was sure that Mrs. Annis was on the float, but she could not say positively whether she saw her on the float below. It was on the float, Mrs. Annis had sworn, that Thornton Hains pressed his revolver at her back and told her she would "get a bullet" if she tried to interfere with the captain. Hains denied she was on the float. Mrs. Margaret L. Rockwell testified that Mrs. Annis ran down the runway to the float when the firing began. She did not see Hains put his pistol at her back. Dr. Harris Houghton expressed the opinion that Captain Hains was perfectly sane at the time of the tragedy. He was summoned after the shooting and saw the captain on the float.

MADAME GUILLOTINE AGAIN IN VOGUE

French Mob Disgraces Nation by Orgies as Legal Murder Re-commences. BETHUNE, Pas de Calais, Jan. 12.—Yesterday was marked by the return of the guillotine to active service in France after a rest of more than ten years. This town was filled with thousands of persons who had gathered to witness the execution of four murderers who paid the last penalty of the law, and each time the slanting knife of the guillotine was seen to fall the crowd yelled with delight and kept count of the heads. The behavior of the mob was revolting in its brutality. Not only was the night preceding the executions one prolonged debauch, the cafes and drinking shops being kept open in celebration of the occasion, but the actual infliction of the capital punishment was attended by ugly scenes of disorder. Repeated efforts were made to break through the lines of soldiers that surrounded the inclosure in which the guillotine had been erected. The prisoners themselves were hooted and jeered at as they were led to their death, and when there was a brief delay in the falling of the knife on one neck there was a howl of impatience. The rain fell drearily, and the scaffold, lit with lanterns because the dawn was slow in coming from behind the clouds, looked gruesome and weird; but a stranger, judging from the demeanor of the crowd, would have said Bethune never had celebrated a more enjoyable festival. **Murdered Criminals.** Abel and Auguste Pollet, Theophile Perou and Vromant Canut were the men put to death and their record of crime was long. Working as a gang, they had terrorized northern France and southern Belgium for several years. Seven murders, twelve attempted murders and more than a hundred robberies were laid to their charge, and the cruelty which they always had shown toward their victims had increased the popular hatred against them. There remain eighteen persons in France under sentence of death, all of whom probably will be brought under the guillotine forthwith. Until recently the law permitting the infliction of capital punishment has been a dead letter in France, but a month ago Parliament passed a resolution in favor of the use of the guillotine. Only President Fallieres' personal objection to signing a death warrant stood between the murderers and the guillotine. At last, however, he yielded to the pressure of public opinion, and the other, with the exception of "Well, if Frenchmen want blood they shall have it," he signed the death warrant of the four murderers who died yesterday.

KEIR HARDIE, M. P., SPEAKS TO-NIGHT

Will Lecture in Carnegie Hall on British Labor Politics and Its Lessons to America. Keir Hardie, M. P., chairman of the Labor party in the British House of Commons, will speak on "A Revolution in British Politics and Its Lessons to America" to-night at Carnegie Hall, 57th street and Seventh avenue. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Civic Forum, and Rev. Charles F. Aked, D. D., will preside. Keir Hardie is one of the most picturesque figures, and one of the most potent forces in the British Parliament. He was born in Scotland in a thatched cottage of one room, in 1856. At the age of eight he became a wage-worker in a mine. He taught himself to write by scratching with a pin on the surface of slabs of rock blackened with smoke from his miner's lamp. On account of his activity in the trade union movement he was dismissed by his employers and black-listed. In 1888 he stood as a Socialist for Parliament, but was defeated. He was successful, however, in 1892, in South West Ham, gaining a majority of 1,322. He was defeated in 1895 and re-elected in 1896 and in 1898. He founded the Independent Labor party and established the "Labor Leader" in 1887. He edited that paper from 1887 to 1894. Dr. Robert Erskine Eli gave a reception in honor of Mr. Hardie at the City Club yesterday afternoon. Men and women, prominent in various social movements, attended. Among those present were Professor Charles Sprague Smith, Rev. C. F. Fagnani, Miss Helen Marot, Miss Mary E. Rreder, Dr. Woods Hutchinson, Alfred J. Boulton, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. Rhea Childs Dorr, Mrs. Maud Nathan, Myron G. Phelps, Joseph B. Gilder, Professor William Boyce, Professor John Dewey, Paul W. Kellogg, Miss Crayst Eastman, Maurice Parmelee, August White, M. Franklin Brush and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ordway, Charles Raim Kennedy, Robert Hunter, W. J. Ghent, Platon Bronoff. Mr. Hardie comes to America for a ten days' visit solely on the invitation of the Civic Forum, and will make no other public address in this city. By a special arrangement The Call will give 50 per cent commission on all tickets bought by Socialists and supporters of this paper. A coupon and particulars appear elsewhere in this issue. Hardie will answer questions, but they must be submitted in writing and handed to Mr. Julius Hopp at The Call table.

POSSE CAPTURES ALLEGED LUNATIC

Was Posting Naked on Lawn of Duke Estate—Frozen Stiff When Surrounded. SOMERVILLE, N. J., Jan. 12.—A bonfire started in Main street, Raritan, last night by William A. Green, a prominent business man of that place, was the novel means used to bring together a posse of one hundred citizens, who carried torches and ropes and hunted over the two thousand acre estate of James B. Duke for a lunatic by the name of McMurray, believed to have escaped from the State Insane Asylum at Morris Plains. After several hours search the posse came on McMurray in the woods on the border of the Duke estate and near the summer home of Mrs. Evelyn Wentworth Murray, of New York City. When first discovered McMurray was entirely nude, standing with folded arms near a clump of bushes. He presented an uncanny sight that allied the leaders of the posse with the Paul Jans, who carried a lasso, finally summoned courage to use it. As it tightened about the body of the lunatic and was pulled tight he toppled over like a log and it was subsequently discovered that his limbs were stiff from cold. He was wrapped in overcoats which several members of the posse stripped from their backs. McMurray was still able to talk and when questioned as to the whereabouts of his clothing he said it was in his office up the street. His outfit which consisted of a suit of clothing and overcoat of fine material and a pair of patent leather shoes was subsequently found hanging on a fence in the woods. When asked if he did not want to go home, McMurray said: "I would like to go to Morris Heights and have my apartment furnished with James B. Duke's furniture." McMurray was taken to the office of Mr. Green, the leader of the posse, where he was doused with whiskey and thawed out. Later in the night he was dressed in his own clothing and brought to the county jail here, where he is now under the care of a physician. McMurray was first observed on the Duke estate yesterday morning. He was seen by a man who was standing in the woods, gazing at a great bronze statue of President McKinley. He continued to pay the same wrapt attention to other works of art and the man who saw him was standing during the day and in the evening, when approached by workmen on the estate, he fled. It is impossible to get an intelligent story from McMurray, who insists that he is a prominent business man of the house. Citizens of Somerset County authorities will make an effort to discover his identity.

SIX PER CENT. ENOUGH PROFIT

For Even a Gas Trust Is the Opinion of the Supreme Court in the Eighty Cent Decision. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The full text of the opinion of Justice Peckham, of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the New York 80-cent gas case was made available yesterday. The opinion does not, of course, change the conclusions announced last Monday, but some of them are elaborated. In the complete paper the court dwells at greater length on the question of the valuation of the franchise than on any other point. Holding in effect that if the rate fixed were confiscatory the law would be invalid, the opinion centers into a long argument to show that the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York followed erroneous lines in reaching the conclusion that the franchise had been enhanced in value from \$7,781,000 in 1884 to \$12,000,000 in 1905. According to the Circuit Court's valuation of the franchise, the value of the entire property of the gas company was placed at \$2,832,425. The Supreme Court reductions on the franchise brought the figures down to \$55,612,435, and upon these figures the court estimated that at the rate of 80 cents a thousand feet the company would earn 5 1/2 per cent. Justice Peckham conceded that 6 per cent would be a reasonable rate on the value of the property devoted to the public use, but he held that a slight reduction in the estimated value of the company's real estate, plants, etc., might easily give this rate, as would the probable increased consumption under the lower rate. Justice Peckham would not concede any risk to the company on account of the real estate, plants, etc., might easily give this rate, as would the probable increased consumption under the lower rate. Justice Peckham would not concede any risk to the company on account of the real estate, plants, etc., might easily give this rate, as would the probable increased consumption under the lower rate. Justice Peckham would not concede any risk to the company on account of the real estate, plants, etc., might easily give this rate, as would the probable increased consumption under the lower rate.

POLICE BEAT MAN AND WIFE INSENSIBLE AT EAST SIDE FIRE

They Wanted to Escape from Home, but Were Stopped by Maccoco. Knocked Down in Hall, Beaten to Unconsciousness and Then Arrested for Assaulting an Officer. Police brutality is being investigated by Inspector Corcoran, of the First District, at the Inspector's headquarters, 205 Mulberry street, this afternoon. Almost all the inmates of a bathhouse at 100 Houston street have turned out to offer evidence against John Eller, patrolman No. 7156, of the Twelfth Precinct. Sebastian Librescu, custodian of the Rivington street branch of the Public Library, thirty years old, and his wife, a pretty little woman of twenty-two, are the victims on whose account the charge of unnecessary violence was brought against Eller by Attorney Morris Moskowitz, of 280 Broadway. Both Mr. and Mrs. Librescu are badly beaten up, the wife, who is pregnant, suffering from the effect of the beating she received at the hands of the officer. It was 3 o'clock last Friday morning when the tenants of the house were awakened by a fire that broke out in the kitchen, 104 Houston street. With fright the people of the house at 100 Houston street, men, women and children, half clad and hysterical, came flocking down the stairs. Librescu and his wife were the first to reach the door—a wide glass door, from which the street was easily seen. They could not make any further progress, however, for on the other side of the door, holding to the knob, was Number 7156, with club in hand to prevent anyone from going out. The excitement within the hall grew more intense as the flames played more brightly and as the smoke came pouring in in heavy clouds. The people from the house came pressing down upon those in the hall and many were hemmed in between the stairs and the door. Policemen Use Clubs. Then it was that the policeman outside was annoyed by the excitement of the tenants, and he decided to make them "shut up." He brought his might to bear on the door and threw it open, slamming it on the fingers of a man who stood behind it. Once in the hall the policeman got a head of the first man near him. It happened to be Librescu. Bang! went the club on the head of the unfortunate, frightened librarian. The people who expected to have the policeman offer help and consolation were frightened when instead they saw the club swing up and down and fall on the head of their fellow tenant. A shriek went up, women fainted, and the noise attracted a-half dozen other policemen. The approach of the bluecoats had driven the tenants back to the rooms they had left. Wife Protests and is Kicked. Mrs. Librescu, a slim little woman of a hundred pounds, grew wild with indignation and pain when she saw her husband being battered. Librescu is a small man, who could not stand much beating, and he fell into a faint after the club had descended a half dozen times on his head. The neighbors who knew that she was with child warned the officers, but this met with vulgar comments and sneering remarks. Librescu was dragged into the hall and then the officers, so witnesses claim, abandoned the clubs and used their feet. "My husband was right next to him," said one of the witnesses, a Mrs. Brown, whom the reporter of The Call interviewed, "and he heard the thud of the policeman's foot as it struck the body. He was too cramped to look down and see just where the foot landed." The neighbors appealed to the policeman and asked that a doctor be sent for. But they were all repelled and roughly treated. When Librescu fainted he was dragged by the collar into the street and lay on the sidewalk for half hour waiting for the patrol wagon. Both Librescu and his wife were taken to the Fifth Street Police Station. Both were bleeding, and the woman was handled so roughly that her skirt was torn and being scanty she experienced much embarrassment facing the men in the room. When she was delivered to the matron the arresting officer referred to her as the "bird." Ridiculous Charge. When they were brought to the desk the policeman did not know what

KERN IS LOSING

In Fight for Senatorship He Crises Bribery. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12.—Rumors of attempted bribery in connection with the contest for the U. S. Senatorship are under investigation by Elliott R. Hooton, prosecuting attorney of Marion County. It was reported to Mr. Hooton to-day that two legislators had been approached by a representative of one of the Senatorial candidates. "If it appears that there is any basis for an investigation that matter will be laid before the grand jury," said Mr. Hooton this morning. Hooton's first information, which he said John W. Kern had verified, was that a man purporting to represent one of the candidates, had approached two legislators and asked them what inducements would be necessary to get them to leave their candidate. Some of the other candidates laugh at the bribery rumor and declare it is a trick of the Kern managers to create sentiment for their candidate.

GAS CO.'S REPORT

Shows Clear Income for Six Months Amounting to \$2,740,012. The preliminary report of the Consolidated Gas Company for the half year ended December 31, 1907, as filed with the Public Service Commission, in accordance with the new law, was made public yesterday. The report shows gross operating revenues for the six months of \$5,860,439 and net operating income of \$241,205. Non-operating income amounted to \$2,498,806, of which amount \$1,530,699 came from dividends declared on stock owned or controlled. Total clear income was thus \$2,740,012. Interest deductions for the six months amounted to \$861,179, leaving a net corporate income of \$1,878,832. The company's surplus carried over from June 30, 1907, was \$1,989,489. Adding to this the net corporate income for the six months ended December 31, 1907, gave a total surplus of \$3,868,321. Deducting \$1,600,020 for the semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent, and \$28,341 for "expenses elsewhere unprovided for," the company had a surplus on December 31, 1907, of \$2,239,959. On the asset side of the balance sheet is carried an item of \$4,075,868, which represents the amount deposited with the United States Court pending the decision in the 80-cent gas case, which has just gone against the company. The company figures its franchise, land, etc., at \$48,690,372.

POVERTY A BLESSING

Charity Worker Says Dependent Children Are Better Off Than Others. That the dependent child has a better chance in life than the average child who is not an object of charity is the assertion of C. J. White, secretary of the Children's Aid Society. In his letter accepting President Roosevelt's invitation to take part in the "child saving" conference which will be held in The Call House on January 24 and 25, Mr. Brace expresses his hearty agreement with the President's opinion that "placing out" in family homes is the ideal method for this form of charitable work. Mr. Brace refers to the record of 26,263 children placed in homes since 1853, of whom 57 per cent, by actual observation of the society's agents, may be reckoned as successes in life. "We do not consider," says Mr. Brace, "that the family homes are carefully selected by our devoted and experienced agents, who co-operate with the foster parents with advice and admonition, this plan, as you will perceive, results in a stronger influence over the child than in the average home. The result is seen in the fact that the percentage of success of our wards is very much more favorable than the average of the population at large, although our children originally came from a poor environment." Mr. Brace records the fact that more than three thousand of the boys have entered the army and navy. Of the others, two have been Governors, two members of Congress, two district attorneys, seven members of Legislatures, two superintendents of schools, one a judge, twenty-seven bankers, twenty-four clergymen, two college professors and fifteen newspaper men.

BRUTAL ROBBERY

Thieves Beat Woman, Lock Her in Closet and Loot Home. The police kept up an all-night watch at the Staten Island ferry in the hope of apprehending the robbers who attacked Mrs. Otto Semmig at her home on Stapleton Heights last evening. The robbers brutally beat the woman until she lost consciousness, locked her in a closet and ransacked the house, securing some valuable jewelry and gold watches. Mrs. Semmig revived sufficiently, some time after the robbers had gone, to climb out of the closet window and make her way a block and a half to the house of her father-in-law, William Kenik. She was then taken to the S. R. Smith Infirmary for treatment. Mrs. Semmig is the wife of a New York printer. She is about thirty years old, but was vigorous enough to protect herself effectively from one of the men, when he attacked her, until the second came to his aid and inflicted severe injuries on her head with a poker.

TRUST MAGNATES TO JAIL?

Not Much, Although Federal Investigators Are Hot on Scent. CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 12.—George Dougherty, an accountant, who makes an annual audit of the books of Morris & Co., appeared yesterday before the Federal Grand Jury with books and papers which are believed to be especially important in the beef investigation now in progress. The Government's agents made a long search for these documents, and when it was feared they had disappeared, Mrs. Dougherty was subpoenaed to tell whether her husband had taken them home. Dougherty himself had been trailed by detectives for several days. The papers in possession of Dougherty are the records made by him as an expert accountant of the damage claims of Morris & Co. against railroads for a period of five years. The District Attorneys are anxious to determine whether the entries in his report are the same as appear on the books of Morris & Co., shown by the files, which have been under scrutiny of the grand jury for three weeks. Government officials failed to find these papers in the office of Morris & Co. when the other documentary evidence was obtained. After a subpoena had been issued for Mrs. Dougherty, her husband went to the office of the packing company and produced the books, denying they had been in his home at all. It was stated yesterday that the anti-rebate injunction issued by Judge Peter S. Brocup against the Chicago packers in the United States Circuit Court in 1902 is still in force, and that the penalty for violating the injunction could be for a longer imprisonment and heavier fine than under an indictment, created a stir in the packers' investigation. The Government attorneys admitted yesterday that if the injunction is used the proceedings will be brief, and, with sufficient evidence, some of the packers could be sent to prison for violating the injunction. It is asserted, however, by men closely connected with the packing industry that indictments will not be returned against the heads of the packing concerns.

HIT BY TAXICAB

Boy Is Painfully Hurt but Chauffeur Gets Away. Antonio Gumbardi, the small boy who was struck by a taxicab while playing in the street near his home at No. 423 West 25th street is suffering from severe contusions of the body and a bad cut over the right eye. The police are looking for the chauffeur of the taxicab. Policeman Gowsdy was near by at the time of the accident and pursued the taxicab driver, but he could not catch him. The boy was taken to the New York Hospital.

KILLED JEWELER

Dismembered Body Found Buried Under Chicken House. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 12.—An invalid in an advanced stage of tuberculosis and overcome by the news that the body of the man with whose murder he is charged has been found, George N. Schaeffer, a prisoner now in the county jail, has but doubtful prospects of surviving to stand trial for murder at the April term of court. Schaeffer is charged with killing and burying in various places after dismemberment, Leopold Erman, a traveling jewelry salesman from Philadelphia, who has been missing since November 18. The body of Erman was dug up yesterday on Schaeffer's farm in Schneckville, under the floor of a chicken house and other spots that Schaeffer had recently covered with a cement flooring. After the discovery the county authorities arrested late last night, in his bed, Clinton Trumbower, a brother-in-law of Schaeffer, charging him with complicity in the killing of Erman.

COUPON FOR KEIR HARDIE MEETING AT CARNEGIE HALL, JANUARY 12.

CUT THIS COUPON OUT AND PRESENT IT, TOGETHER WITH TICKETS BOUGHT AT THE BOX OFFICE AT CARNEGIE HALL, TO A CALL COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE AT A TABLE IN THE LOBBY, AND THE CALL WILL RECEIVE 50 PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT PAID BY YOU. ONE COUPON FOR EACH PURCHASER—ONE FOR EACH TICKET IS UNNECESSARY.

GOV. FORT'S MESSAGE

Asks Power to Remove Public Officers at Will. TRENTON, Jan. 12.—In his message to the Legislature, issued at the opening of that body to-day, Governor Fort urged the enactment of a law giving to the Governor power to remove public officers from office. He said: "It is humiliating for the executive of a great state to feel that no matter what the cause, nor how derelict in duty a public officer may be, there is no power of removal or method to remedy the condition. Referring to the constitution of the various states in the Union, Governor Fort said that their trend is to confer upon the Governor or some other power, authority to remove any public officer for cause."

PLAY ASSAILS TRINITY

"The Writing on the Wall" Deals with Church's Ownership of Tenements. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Olga Netherole made her first appearance here last night in "The Writing on the Wall," a new play by William J. Hurlbut, which is scathing in its criticism of Trinity Corporation, controlling Trinity Church, ten other churches and sixteen schools in New York. The corporation is attacked as a landlord of tenement houses from which it rolls up the greater part of its income of \$755,000 a year, and also on the ground that it does not live up to the teachings of the church in keeping its tenements in tumble down buildings. The play was written before the recent statement of its affairs made by the corporation. Miss Netherole plays the part of a wealthy woman who goes into the tenement district to do charitable work. She is amazed to find that Trinity is the landlord. She is the wife of a Trinity vestryman, and before the play runs to a close she works reform in the corporation.

DECIDES FOR RAILROAD

EASTON, Pa., Jan. 12.—Judge yesterday handed down an opinion in the case of the Central Railroad of New Jersey against the County of Northampton to restrain the latter from collecting fines for violating the through rail law in the corporation. The court found for the railroad company and placed the costs on the county.

FEATURES OF TO-MORROW'S CALL

THE EVENING CALL OF TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL FEATURES: CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL ON TRINITY CHURCH. KEIR HARDIE'S SPEECH AT CARNEGIE HALL THIS EVENING. THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN FINLAND, BY ANTONIO ANDE, EDITOR OF "FREEDOM." THE ISSUE WILL BE EIGHT PAGES. ON SALE AT ALL NEWS STANDS. TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT. INSIST UPON YOUR NEWSDEALER HANDLING THE EVENING CALL.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—In a statement issued by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor...

Samuel Gompers submitted a comprehensive report covering the period from the close of the convention of the American Federation of Labor...

Since the sentence the counsel for the Bucks Stove and Range Company has made application to assess the cost of the prosecution against Mitchell, Morrison and me...

Your attention is called to the fact that we have practically exhausted all of our available funds. The money in the defence funds...

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These illustrations were reproduced from some of the first earthquake photographs that arrived in America after the great disaster in Southern Italy...

CRIME STILL EXISTS

So Discovers Commission After Thorough Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The commission appointed under act of Congress of May 26 last, to investigate the criminal classes in the District of Columbia...

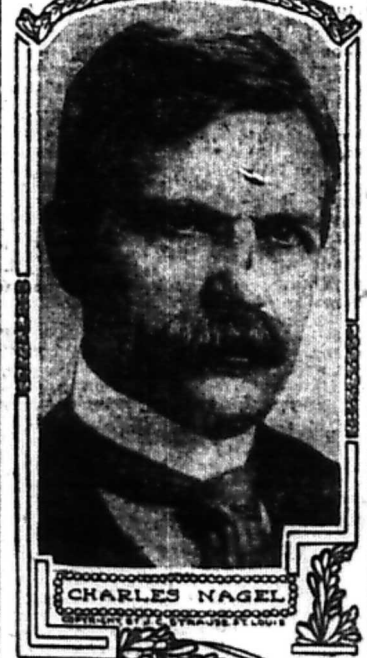
WATCHORN UPELDED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Robert Watchorn, Commissioner of Immigration at New York, will be reappointed. This may be announced almost officially...

Our classified column offers splendid opportunities to both buyers and sellers.

MISSOURI LEADER WHO MAY BE IN TAFT CABINET

Friends of Charles Nagel, the Missouri Republican leader, are urging him for the portfolio of commerce and labor in Mr. Taft's Cabinet.



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CALL CONFERENCE.

DELEGATES TAKE NOTICE. A meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, No. 243 East 84th street, Wednesday, January 13, at 8 P. M. sharp.

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STILL THEY COME

Subscribers Win Converts All the Time.—Mrs. Paul Morton the Latest.

The announcement of a dinner to be given Friday night in the Hotel Astor by the Interurban Woman Suffrage Council has revealed the fact that Mrs. Paul Morton, formerly a strong anti-suffragist...

FILIPINO EDITORS JAILED.

Are Convicted and Gets Six Months for Alleged Libel. MANILA, Jan. 12.—Martin Ocampo and Fidel Reyes, members of the editorial staff of the Filipino daily paper 'El Renacimiento'...

SPANISH QUEEN WOUNDED.

Chance Shot by Careless Austrian Hunter Causes Anarchist Scare. VIENNA, Jan. 12.—It has become known here that Queen Victoria, of Spain, was shot accidentally in the forehead when out hunting with King Alfonso and several others recently.

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STUYVESANT FISH TELLS ON HARRIMAN

Ousted President of Illinois Central Tells Tales Out of School in U. P. Railroad Case.

Just how Harriman stifled competition after he had ousted Stuyvesant Fish from the presidency of the Illinois Central Railroad was told yesterday in the suit of the Government to dissolve the Union Pacific merger...

JACOB H. SCHIFF TESTIFIES.

Charles A. Severance, the Government's counsel, who obtained from the witness the statement that the purchase of the control of the Northern Pacific Railroad for the Union Pacific in 1901 was made to control the situation as regards the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy...

WORKINGMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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CHANCE SHOT BY CARELESS AUSTRIAN HUNTER CAUSES ANARCHIST SCARE.

VIENNA, Jan. 12.—It has become known here that Queen Victoria, of Spain, was shot accidentally in the forehead when out hunting with King Alfonso and several others recently.

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ASHOKAN SCANDALS ON THE INCREASE

Syndicate Acquired Land the City Would Need and Forced a High Price.

It is now said by the Cassidy legislative committee, which is investigating city finances, that about \$200,000 was made by some politicians out of land for the new Ashokan reservoir in the Catskills. The committee found that a syndicate had been organized by Jacob Mayer, the real estate operator, to get hold of the land that the city would need.

SECRETARY OF MILK COMMISSION ATTRIBUTES MORTALITY TO BAD FOOD.

Wilbur C. Phillips, Secretary New York Milk Commission, spoke Sunday at the parish house of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Milk Supply of the City. He told of the necessity for pure milk and figures substantiating the fact that the mortality of infants in New York is the lack of scientific feeding. He said that every breast fed baby that dies is a tragedy. He said that every five children who were fed on cow's milk.

SPORTS

By A. W. COLLIER.

JOHNSON CAN HAVE GO WITH KETCHEL

Jeffries Admits Kaufman Is Not Clever Enough for Negro, But Says He'll Improve.

If Jack Johnson returns to America in time, he can have a fight for the heavyweight title with Stanley Ketchel, the present middleweight champion, at Colma, Cal., on July 4. James Cotthorn, the well known promoter, has offered a \$20,000 purse for a forty-five-round battle between the pugilists and Wilbur Britz, Ketchel's new manager, has already accepted in the latter's behalf. Ketchel says that he will be able to scale at about 175 pounds and be fast and fit and that if Johnson really wants to prove to the American sporting public that he is really a high class pugilist there will be no trouble in arranging the match. Just why Ketchel drew the color line when Sam Langford, the colored Boston middleweight, challenged him and yet has shown a willingness to tackle Johnson is a problem that few ring followers are able to solve, unless it is because Ketchel knows that Johnson will not be ready to enter the ring again in this country before next winter. Johnson will be in England in February, it is said, but he will spend at least three months in Great Britain and France. After that it is believed that he will come to this country to make a tour of all the large cities, which will occupy his time until well into the summer. Sam Fitzpatrick chances that he will go to the Ketchel-Johnson fight, but he is not sure. He says that he will go to the Ketchel-Johnson fight, but he is not sure. He says that he will go to the Ketchel-Johnson fight, but he is not sure.

Jeffries still continue to deny that he intends fighting again, but says he has gone to the training camp to be in shape to box with Al Kaufman on the road. A report from Los Angeles says that Jeffries has yielded to a request from Billy Delaney to help Jeffries in going through the Ketchel fight, but that the big fellow will do his best to teach Kaufman all the fine points of pugilism. This looks like an excellent excuse for the vigorous training that Jeffries will receive now, but the opinion is held that just as soon as Jeffries feels that he can properly fit himself he will agree to take Johnson on. In a recent interview Jeffries said that, judging from his own experience, the fight with Jim Barry, Kaufman is not the man to tackle Johnson just now, but that Delaney's man is sure to improve in the next year.

DORANDO WINS FROM SMALLWOOD

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 12.—A large crowd turned out to see the first professional Marathon race here, and appeared to be about equally divided in their sympathies for the two contestants, Dorando Pietri, of Italy, and Percy Smallwood, of America. Smallwood had done most of his training for the contests in this city and had many friends to cheer him in the struggle. Dorando's following, outside of his countrymen, was attracted by the fame which he gained in London and in his recent races with Hayes and Longshot in New York. Tim Hurst, the American runner, particularly in charge of the race. The track was of dirt, about nine laps to the mile. The runners got away at 9 o'clock and Smallwood was one yard in the lead at the end of the first mile, which was covered in 17 minutes 34.5 seconds. At the end of the fifth mile Dorando was two and a half laps ahead of Smallwood, who seemed to be lame. Time, 25.11. Dorando was leading by four laps ahead of Smallwood at the end of the tenth mile. Time, 59.59. Smallwood, according to his manager, was suffering a severe pain in his left leg. Smallwood quit after covering twelve miles and eight laps. He said his leg pained him very much from the fourth mile on.

HOT TIME AT DRY DOCK LAST NIGHT

At the Dry Dock Athletic Club last night Joe Stein won from Al Schumaker in the star bout. The exciting event of the evening was when Al King, a former runner of the Club, defeated any one in the house to meet him. He deft was taken up by "Fuge" Clark, who started in to wallopp Ally all over the ring in the first round, sending him to his corner with his left optic closed tight. In the second round both sent out their rights which landed, and they both went to the floor for nearly the full count. It was nearly a minute before "Fuge" was the first to get to his feet and they both went at it again. It finally ended in the bold Ally taking his medicine in a knock-out. Frankie Sheehan failed to knock out "Fuge" because Vic wrapped his jaw and body up in a pair of long arms that left no loopholes for Frank's hard cracks. Young Krantz stopped Battling Sullivan in the fourth round, and Young Jimmie Jimmy Dunn to a brown turn in four rounds.

FARMER MAKES KID MOSE QUIT IN THIRD

With an injunction restraining the police from interfering, the Olympic Athletic Club held their weekly exhibition last night. In the main affair, Kid Mose quit against the Farmer, who was scheduled to go six rounds, but after getting punched steadily for three rounds, Mose quit. In the semi-main event, Kid Ryan stopped Kid Goodman in one round, and Young Jimmie and Fighting Bob Gray won three rounds and were forced to stop in the fourth for taking matters too easy. Frank Brown outpointed Jack Douglas in four rounds, and Young Jimmie Young Raymond beat Young Daney in four rounds.

GOOD CARD AT LONG ACRES A TO-NIGHT

Joe Sheridan, who gave Billy Leary a hard time two weeks ago at this club, meets Joe Sheppard in the star bout, six rounds, to-night. The management was requested by the members to get together a game and the card was compiled by matching him with Sheppard. So look out for a warm time. There will be the usual preliminaries and a semi-final of six rounds between good local boys.

He—Do you think a woman should let a man kiss her before she marries him? Yes, if she expects to be kissed at all.

SECOND BIG AUDIENCE HEARS CATALANI OPERA

By HARRY CHAPIN PLUMMER. Another hearing of "La Wally," the four-act melodrama of the late Italian composer, Alfredo Catalani, whose name and musical production have been so little known to the American public, but confirmed the deeply serious impression had of the opera upon its first presentation in this country, last Wednesday, at the Metropolitan Opera House. Repeated at that institution last evening, the performance of "La Wally" was witnessed by an audience which filled the huge auditorium and bestowed upon the conductor, Arturo Toscanini, and the principal artists the fullest measure of appreciation.

There is an indefinable, and indefinable, quality in the orchestration of this work which I am tempted to term "haunting," but that really is much more than the characterization usually signifies. Certain of the music of "La Wally" does "haunt" one—namely the ethereal harmonics of the introduction to the last act. But, too, the instrumental treatment of each and every episode possesses a force, a virility, a passion, that passes the bounds of that melody and that harmony which ordinarily is referred to as being of a "haunting" disposition. It is an ethereal, a spectral, a high intangibility that quickens, without straining the imagination of the listener. And it is this true "character" that will assemble people in the Opera House again and again to hear "La Wally."

Last night's representation was in every respect an excellent one. The instrumentalists, under Maestro Toscanini's leadership, even improved upon their work of the premiere and brought the orchestration to a variety of detail and beauty of coloring which distinguishes the Catalani score from that of every Italian opera produced since Aida and every episode possesses a force, a virility, a passion, that passes the bounds of that melody and that harmony which ordinarily is referred to as being of a "haunting" disposition. It is an ethereal, a spectral, a high intangibility that quickens, without straining the imagination of the listener. And it is this true "character" that will assemble people in the Opera House again and again to hear "La Wally."

COMBINES LESSON WORK

Not in any opera produced at the Metropolitan, in the present or in past seasons, have found the choral department of an opera to be so thoroughly well handled as is that of the production of "La Wally." Last night the singers were exceedingly faithful to the music and the story of the melodrama. The various railway combines now taking place will put an end to locomotive building and railway plant work in London. Under the agreement with the North Eastern Railway the locomotive and carriage works of the North London Railway at Bow, where about 1,000 hands are employed, will be shut down; whilst if the combine between the Great Eastern, Great Northern and Great Central railways receives Parliamentary sanction, the Great Eastern works at Stratford, where over 4,000 men are employed, will be closed.

FREE LECTURES TO-NIGHT

Wadleigh High School, 115th street and Seventh avenue, "The Real Chinaman," by Edward G. Tewksbury. Public School 21, 222 Mott street, "The Development of Naval Warfare," by Victor O. Freeburg. Public School 36, 224 East 56th street, "The American Heritage: Our Teutonic Ancestors," by Dr. William E. Griffiths. Public School 61, 4th street, east of First avenue, "Benjamin Franklin," by Edwin Farley. Public School 150, 25th street and First avenue, "Shocks, Wounds, Bleeding, Burns and Exposure," by Dr. William H. Happe. Public School 169, 163th street and Audubon avenue, "Photography," by William I. Scandlin. Museum of Natural History, 77th street and Central Park West, "China's Everlasting Empire," by Ian C. Hannan. Public Library, 163 West 125th street, "Composers and Music of France," by Clarence De Vaux Rover. St. Cornelius Church, 423 East 44th street, "Shakespeare's Life and Art," by Thomas G. Tamm. Public School 2, Third avenue and 169th street, "Insect Homes and Structures," by John E. Smith. Public School 10, Park avenue, Williamsburgh, "The Days of '76," by Dr. Frank R. Balcher. Riverdale Hall, Riverdale avenue and 260th street, "A Tour Through Ireland," by Francis J. Thyne.



THE STAGE

THE LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

To-night at the Opera House of the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, the Ben Greet Players will produce for the first time on any stage the Christmas play "The Little Town of Bethlehem," by Katrina Trask (Mrs. Spencer Trask). The performance will be under the auspices of the Brooklyn Armstrong Association for the benefit of Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

"The Little Town of Bethlehem" is said to be a miracle play, as its title might imply, but a modern drama, telling in simple and direct language the story of the time that Christ was born. Neither the Christ Child nor his mother appear in the play, but an attempt is made to project the influence and spirit of which Christ is proclaimed an embodiment. The play is divided into three parts, the first taking place on the night Christ was born, and the last two outside the walls of Bethlehem. The first and second scenes of the first part are laid in the stable entrance. There is a lapse of thirty years between the second and third parts. The latter part of the play deals with the love of a young Greek poet for a maiden, whose mother is marrying the poet. Out of this grows the situation which forms the poignant scene of the play.

"The Little Town of Bethlehem" will be produced with beautiful scenery and costumes from designs from the famous Tissot paintings of the life of Christ. The music is arranged from ancient and modern sources by W. H. Humiston.

"The Theatregoers" Entertain

The regular entertainment given by the Theatregoers Club at its club rooms, 209 West 72d street, last Sunday evening, was largely attended, and the members and many friends. An excellent program was provided. The Theatregoers Club is an organization devoted, as the president announced, to the cultivation of an environment of artistic and dramatic production of plays that will express the best thought of the time. President Edward Owings Towne was a tactful and entertaining chairman, and read an eloquent paper about "The Drama," and the members and many friends. An excellent program was provided. The Theatregoers Club is an organization devoted, as the president announced, to the cultivation of an environment of artistic and dramatic production of plays that will express the best thought of the time. President Edward Owings Towne was a tactful and entertaining chairman, and read an eloquent paper about "The Drama," and the members and many friends. An excellent program was provided. The Theatregoers Club is an organization devoted, as the president announced, to the cultivation of an environment of artistic and dramatic production of plays that will express the best thought of the time.

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IN VAUDEVILLE

Annette Kellerman yesterday began an indefinite engagement at Keith and Proctor's 125th Street Theater. The theater was filled to capacity, and she was a real draw. Her first act, "Hyams and McIntyre present 'The Quakers,'" Fields and Ward provoke much laughter with their nonsensical dialogue. Annie Blanche, in the sketch "Reckless," gives a picture of a New York woman of the name of "Pettie Revue" in a pleasing musical novelty; Charles Sweet does piano-logs, and others are Wilbur Mack and company, and Bessie Valdere and her young woman cyclists, and Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater has Eva Tanguay, who "doesn't care." For her engagement this week she has several new songs "that only a Tanguay could sing effectively." Blandina, in "The Musical Novelty," in which numerous singers garbed as birds in a forest setting present an operatic playlet. Emmet DeVoy and company, in a sketch, "In Dreamland," Charles "Casey" in a monologue, the Avon Comedy Four, Pearl and Yoseo, one a singer and the other a harpist; the Bellong brothers, comedy cyclists, and Leipzig a card manipulator, complete the bill.

CIRCLE THEATER OWNERS AFTER NEXT-DOOR GARAGE

In West Side theatrical and real estate circles it has been known for the last day or two that determined efforts are being put forth by the present owners of the Circle Theater, Broadway and 60th street, to acquire the double lot and two-story garage structure thereupon located, at No. 10 West 60th street, which immediately adjoins the playhouse. It is known that the success achieved by the current attraction at the Circle has suggested to the proprietors of the theater the desirability of increasing the depth of the stage to provide for a larger ensemble of singers, and accommodating two or three hundred more seats on the orchestra floor. Accordingly, steps have been taken to obtain the abutting property, which now is occupied by the American Motor Company as an automobile salesroom and storage and repair establishment. The plan to acquire the garage and raise it to make way for the theater extension has developed with the utmost secrecy, but attempts made yesterday from several directions to obtain favorable options upon the premises at No. 10 West 60th street, caused the story to leak out. It was rumored early to-day about the Circle cafes that if the adjoining property could be secured a new and much larger theater will shortly replace the present structure.

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MARKHAM IN BROOKLYN

Working Class Poet Is Greeted by Enthusiastic Audience.

The working people greeted their poet, Edwin Markham, at the People's Forum in Brooklyn Sunday afternoon with enthusiasm. The artistic playing of Edward Fajans, of the Fajans College of Music, also helped make the meeting one of the most enjoyable in the series. Mr. Markham, or "Comrade Markham," as he prefers to be called, read extracts from his works with fire and sincerity. Markham is an exception to the rule that "creators are usually poor demonstrators of their own creations." His reading from his poem, "Brotherhood," carried conviction to everyone present. Markham said "Brotherhood to me is the greatest word in the world, and the application of brotherhood to human life will be the solution of the human problem," and then read the poem which ends: "Make way for Brotherhood, make way for Man! He also read some stanzas from his "Little Brothers of the Ground" with the opening lines, "While ye (bees) daily gather spoil, men are ground by daily toil;" from "Highborn Poets" which reads, "Highborn Poets, like Shelley, William Morris, their works breathing great passion for humanity, for after all these cannot be any real poetry until the passion for mankind surges in the heart;" and "Man Under the Stone" which reads, "Man, you know, is living just on the brink of poverty; just cannot make both ends meet, and is unable to make it of the ends vegetable." The delivery of this poem was received with continued applause. He then read "The Rock Breaker," "To a Bird" and "The Gulf." He commented quite freely upon the last "Highborn Poets" which reads, "Highborn Poets, like Shelley, William Morris, their works breathing great passion for humanity, for after all these cannot be any real poetry until the passion for mankind surges in the heart;" and "Man Under the Stone" which reads, "Man, you know, is living just on the brink of poverty; just cannot make both ends meet, and is unable to make it of the ends vegetable." The delivery of this poem was received with continued applause. He then read "The Rock Breaker," "To a Bird" and "The Gulf." He commented quite freely upon the last "Highborn Poets" which reads, "Highborn Poets, like Shelley, William Morris, their works breathing great passion for humanity, for after all these cannot be any real poetry until the passion for mankind surges in the heart;" and "Man Under the Stone" which reads, "Man, you know, is living just on the brink of poverty; just cannot make both ends meet, and is unable to make it of the ends vegetable." The delivery of this poem was received with continued applause.

MORE PAUPERS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The official returns of pauperism for November last in England and Wales have just been issued. They show a marked increase over the corresponding month of 1907. The following table gives the details of pauperism for the two months in question, with the ratio per 1,000 of the population:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Per 1,000. 1907: 787,873 (22.5); 1908: 826,245 (24.4); Increase: 38,472 (0.9)

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IN THE MAGAZINES.

The American "Review of Reviews" specializes on economic subjects, but almost invariably treats them from a bourgeois or capitalistic point of view.

A NEW HENRY BOOK.

THE GENTLE GRAPTER. By O. Henry. To call attention to a new book by O. Henry appears almost like a superfluous task, so well known is he and so quickly are his books gobbled up by the reading public as soon as they appear.

POPULAR READINGS

AGNOSTICISM. By Thomas H. Huxley. The people who call themselves "Agnostics" have been charged with doing so because they have not the courage to declare themselves "Indels."

OUR DAILY POEM

"SOME RECKON TIME BY STARS." By Madison Cawein. Some reckon time by stars, And some by hours; Some measure days by dreams, And some by flowers;

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"Harpers Weekly" for January 9 publishes a character sketch of Arthur Brisbane by William Inglis. It is gossipy and interesting, but does not reach the real man. The true characterization of Brisbane is yet to be written.

WHAT IS BEST IN WOMEN? "M.A.P." has been asking a number of famous men what they most admire in woman. The replies were various, and they ranged through nearly the whole catalogue of feminine charms.

ANATOLE FRANCE'S SATIRE ON CIVILIZATION.

The greatest stylist and foremost man of letters of France was never more himself, never more witty, humorous, felicitous and exquisite than, according to all critics, he is in his latest work, which is a burlesque history of France brought down to our own day.

THE CALL LIBRARY CONTEST

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GREENLAND MAPPED AT LAST.

The new map of Greenland is to appear this year and will be based on the valuable manuscripts found in the possession of the intrepid Jorgen Brunland, the Danish explorer. In the fall of 1907, after Mylius Erichsen had completed the exploration of this unknown coast, he and his two comrades were groping their way southward in the growing darkness under the most desperate circumstances.

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James Creelman devotes the first page of the January "Pearson's" to a "back to the future" article. This is an age of crutches," he says. "The modern man is seeking for something to lean on besides himself. He looks for power without rather than with it. He expects to cure the weaknesses of his own character by the crutches of the simplest political duties of citizenship in his immediate neighborhood, he expects to find in the government a power and virtue which he does not possess himself. This is the unconscious thought of Socialism. But the mass cannot improve unless the individual improves."

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ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.

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SOME RECIPES.

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THE DREAM OF DELIA.

The Dream of Delia by Jack London. will appear exclusively in the International Socialist Review for January 1938.

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THE EVENING CALL

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WORKERS

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ANOTHER "MODEL MINE"

The Rachel mine, near Monongahela, Pennsylvania, in which a hundred and thirty-eight workmen lost their lives about six weeks ago, had been heralded to the world by its owners and their subsidized newspaper correspondents and magazine writers as "a model mine." Next to it, the best advertised "model mine" in the United States has been that at Zeigler, Illinois, owned by Joseph Leiter, Jr. This has for the second time proved its right to the title by the killing of twenty-five miners, more than forty having had their lives snuffed out in an instant in the same hell-hole in April, 1905, not to mention minor "accidents."

Leiter's establishment has yet another claim to be considered by capitalists as "a model mine." It is a non-union mine. For years Leiter has fought the United Mine Workers with all his power, steadfastly resisting their demands for a union scale of hours and wages and for the enforcement of conditions favorable to the health and safety of the men employed. "Not only has he succeeded in keeping it a non-union mine, but it is distinctly closed to union miners. A man who joins the union or talks union men among his fellow workers in Leiter's mine soon gets his "walking papers" and must seek a job elsewhere. Professional strike-breakers and ignorant dupes who know as little about unionism as they know about safe methods of mining have been imported by carload—the former well paid for their dirty work, the latter driven by task-masters and given a bare living wage. Ostensibly in order to protect the mine from the attacks of union men, but actually for the double purpose of preventing the poor dupes in the mine from escaping or being lured away and to create upon the public the impression that the union men are a gang of rioters and murderers. Leiter has had his place turned into a veritable fortress, surrounded by a twelve foot stockade, provided with cannon, and patrolled by numerous guards armed with rifles and revolvers. All this is expensive—and the payment of miserably low wages to the miners is but one of the devices by which Leiter has recouped the cost of his fortifications and his private standing army. The toll of death among the workmen, by explosions, cave-ins, and suffocation by gas, tells the story of criminal parsimony in the management of the mine.

Yes, these are model mines—from the owners' point of view. To keep down expenses—especially the expense of paying decent wages and providing proper timbering, ventilation, and other means of protection for life and limb—to prevent the men from organizing in their own defense, to blacklist all who dare to dream of better conditions, to reduce the masses of the workers to dumb and wretched slavery, and to pile up enormous profits out of their misery and danger—that is the capitalists' conception of "model methods" in the performance of their boasted "labor of superintendence."

THE COURTS AND EQUAL SUFFRAGE

The Rochester "Labor Journal" gently takes us to task for the expressions used in a recent news article in The Call. It says:

The New York Call is not entirely fair in this paragraph: "By handing down a decision Friday denying the right of women to vote in this state, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court temporarily checked the progress of the campaign for women suffrage, and showed its contempt for the efforts of female citizens to obtain their rights by refusing even to write an opinion on the case."

The New York State Constitution limits the suffrage to male voters and before women can vote it will be necessary for two State Legislatures to approve an amendment to the Constitution, after which the people must ratify it at a general election.

Our Rochester contemporary read our paragraph too hastily. We said two things: First, that the Appellate Division temporarily checked the progress of the campaign for woman suffrage by handing down a decision denying women the right to vote; second, that by refusing to write an opinion in the case it showed its contempt for the efforts of female citizens to obtain their rights. Just where the unfairness of either statement comes in, we fail to see. Both are absolutely true. The refusal to write an opinion in such a case was very unusual, and could hardly be interpreted otherwise than as an expression of contempt for the appellants and their cause.

It is not quite accurate to say that the State Constitution "limits the suffrage to male voters"—or, as the "Labor Journal" of course meant to say, "to male citizens." The Constitution, in the first section of the second article, specifically assures the right of suffrage to all male citizens, subject to certain qualifications of age and residence. It does not specifically limit the right to them. In the second section of the same article it specifically excludes certain sorts of persons from the exercise of the right; but it does not include women among those excluded. The only other paragraph in the Constitution bearing on the subject is the first section of the first article, which declares that "No member of this state shall be disfranchised or deprived of any of the rights and privileges secured to any citizen thereof, unless by the law of the land or the judgment of his peers."

We may concede that it was the intent of the framers of the Constitution to exclude women from the suffrage without taking the responsibility of doing so in plain words. At the same time, we submit that the three sections, taken together, leave a good opportunity for the courts to exercise their power of interpretation, which they are so ready to use with much less justification whenever it is a question of nullifying some popular right guaranteed by the Constitution.

The Constitution means whatever the judges of the highest

A SOCIETY EVENT.



Mrs. Schuyler Goldyn-Rocks introduced her daughter into society. The decorations were most elaborate and costly.—A. B. Walker in Harper's Weekly.

LETTERS FROM THE COUNTRY.

THE EVOLUTION OF A JUDGE.

Editor of The Call: Sir—I suppose you have heard tell of the corridors of time—those reminiscent corridors along whose shadowed escapes the footfalls of used to — don't you know?

Since pitching my tent amidst the salubrious surroundings of one of Jersey's most musical marshes, I have endeavored to revivify one of those old, dim perspectives to trace back the evolution of dignity in a Federal Judge of the U. S. A. But the patriotic school books and the history novels have been continually repairing him, and turning that vista into a Coney Island scenic railroad, so that I can hardly see my old acquaintance for his virtues and dignity—the hiring political judge who has served in turn every interest in America but that of Labor.

It was in the little shanty town of Beegons, Ohio, where I first began to study law in the person and practice of Judge Semper Song. There he sat, primitive, swaggering, ignorant, greedy; the crude Yankee narrow-minded, now so portentously developed into Federal: I studied good law and good practice from him, on the principle that whatever he did, or pronounced to be wrong, was right.

He sits before my mind's optic organ, commonly called eye, in front of a grocery store in a pair of knee-high boots trimmed on top with pistols, and a quid of tobacco (see dictionary) in each jaw, deciding cases according to the majority of good dollars present; just as, to-day, he decides according to the majority of good dollars.

And all the dignity which that court had then, it has now—neither more nor less—the dignity of servitude. I still can see in our Federal Judge that modern miracle of self-asserted dignity, who occupies the chair, long

contended for by Jove and the Pope, the same old familiar chunk of bluff no more.

I met him the other day. He walked as if he were driving spurs into his own respective ankles. I says to him, says I: "Judge, you have been having a hard time of late, I hear, compelling that blind old mule of yours, the Constitution, to go the other way." "You bet," says he.

"Though I sit all a-one side on him, sometimes, to work both spurs a harbord of a starboard agit righteousness, so slowly does reasonableness and the tradition of justice die out of American muletry, I have almost to murder him on to the wrong side of the track when labor questions are at issue."

"But, Pete," says he, looking awfully skeered, "suppose, after all, there is a hell, Ouch!"

Then he drew a large handana over his sweating brow and wept convulsively.

"Judge," says I, "assuage yourself and think of your dignity." "I do," says he, with a broken voice, "I think of nothing else. Pete," he added, suddenly, "if you keep telling me about my dignity you can come over and dine with me." So I did so.

What else happened after the wine, when the lights began to dance? Did he laugh? Did he weep? Did he pray? Did he ascend upon the table? Did he sing "Wearer, My God, to Thee"? Did he fall off and laugh again, until the table upset? Did I keep my promise? "Deed, I never relinquish that honorable hand, nor ceased to exclaim, through all the glorious vinal uproar of that celestial evening, whether we staggered or sat, or together reined upon the reeling floor: "Judge, whatever else we do, let us not forget, nor allow others to forget, the dignity of the court." "Never, never, never," says he, "and before I descend lumberous on this recumbent, but unsteady sawdust, let it be known to all the world, as I sleep, that none but the Chair of Russia shall be permitted to kick me posteriorly."

FARMER PETER.

court interpret it to mean. If the Appellate Division and, after it, the Court of Appeals, should hold that women are "members of the state" and that the provisions of the first section of the second article are to be considered as inclusive, not exclusive, as fixing the minimum limits of the suffrage, not its maximum limits—if these high courts should so decide, then equal suffrage for the sexes would be constitutional. It is unconstitutional because they have not so decided. Yet they have made many decisions which altered the spirit and strained the letter of the Constitution much more than would this.

Women can vote in this state whenever, through the popular demand for their political equality—their own demand, backed by that of all men who are willing to do them this measure of plain justice—the Constitution is either amended or interpreted so as to admit them. It is a question of popular pressure, in the last analysis, whichever way the change may come.

THE BOURGEOIS SCANDAL-MONGERS.

The shameless mendacity and the wanton purlency of the great capitalist "molders of public opinion" and their reckless disregard of the rights and interests of blameless persons when these stand in the way of their scoring a point or making a "sensation" have seldom been more strikingly illustrated than in their treatment of the marriage of Dr. Hamilton and Miss Brodski. The "Herald," generally one of the worst of the bad lot, is this time the least offender. The "Times"—the paper which boasts of "not soiling the breakfast cloth"—seems to have laid itself out to show that it is as capable of dirty insinuation and malicious scandal as any of the admitted "yellows"—and it has more than proved the point. As a matter of fact, the marriage in question was perfectly legal and regular. Dr. Elliot, who officiated, is a recognized clergyman of the Ethical Culture Society, a regularly recognized religious body. He has married very many couples, and those for whom he has performed the ceremony are certainly not below and probably above the average in domestic felicity and purity of life. As for the parties to the present marriage, there has been adduced no slightest ground for a breath of scandal against their names. Yet the Peckhamian "Times" and, in an only less offensive manner, the rest of the bourgeois press, have spent columns in artfully worded innuendoes to convey the impression that their marriage is somehow irregular and disgraceful. By just what motive of personal or other animosity, if any, the proprietors of these papers have been actuated, it is now impossible to say. Perhaps the very moderate degree of radicalism which Dr. Hamilton has shown in his career as a settlement worker may be the reason for the foul attack upon him and his wife. It is hard to believe that the simple love of foulness can be the only motive in the case of such a paper as the "Times," whose prestige has in the past so largely rested on the comparative respectability of its columns in this respect. And yet, such is the general corruption of the existing system, that perhaps even the "Times" is doomed to go the way of several of its colleagues and become an ordinary cheap gutter-snipe.

A CONVERSATION.

Reported by LOUIS KOPELIN.

While eating lunch in a downtown restaurant yesterday I overheard the following conversation between two well dressed and amug looking men who sat opposite me:

"Say, did you read about that free love marriage in this morning's paper?"

"Did I? Well, I want to tell you that I never was so excited and indignant as when I read those brazen and immoral remarks of the girl's father. The idea that he lived with a woman for twenty-five years and they never were married by a religious ceremony."

"I agree with you, by George! The country is going to the dogs. Here are people professing free love and atheism and no one says a word. I believe in the old fashioned method of tar and feathers."

"Say, these social settlement workers, artists and Socialists are the limit. First thing you know, a decent man will have to hide his face because there will be so many of that other kind."

"You know what gets me sore is that they have the nerve of calling it an official marriage. Let me tell you this, a man who will live with a woman and was not married by the law and a preacher is a skunk, a libertine. Of course, that social settlement worker and the Jewess cured a license, but how did they get married? The accounts in the papers are simply outrageous. No oath was taken and—say, did you see it?"

"What?"

"Look at that peach that just came in—walking over there—there."

"Yes, yes, I see her. By George that's a swell built woman."

"I never saw a better looking woman myself. I certainly wouldn't mind getting next to her, eh?"

"Me either. But I think she is a respectable woman."

"Aw, they've got their price, and she has her, too."

FOR THE REFUGEES.

Christian Rudowita, Chicago, and Jan Pouden, New York, friendless Russians, have been ordered turned over to the bloody Czar Nicholas, butcher of all the Russians, by the American Government, despite the protests of liberty-loving people, mostly from the working class.

Shame on the effgies of men who rattle in the shoes of those who made proud the boast that America was the haven of every rebel against all forms of tyrannical potentes and kings.

Rudowita and Pouden are Russian rebels—they are protesters against the most cruel nation alleging civilization and professing Christianity. In former times America had shot its cannon to the very lips to guard our right to be known as "the home of the world's oppressed."

But the magic wand of gold seems to have passed before our eyes. Fifty thousand Russian Jews, now in America, are trembling with fright but Pouden and Rudowita be deported. In that case all of them are at the mercy of the fanatical Cossacks and a bloodthirsty, knout-using Czar.

Let the trade union movement stand for liberty of the rough-and-tumble kind, a thousand times, rather than the dress suit, after-dinner liepings that deaden and chill—Labor Union Leader.

The return of these two refugees by the United States Government to the tender mercies of the despotic Russian autocratic Czar would be on a par with the decision of Judge Wright, and we cannot too strongly protest against the contemplation of such a vile thought.—United Mine Workers' Journal.



ALL HE COULD DO.

"You said last week, sir, that you would raise my salary."

"So I did, and it was all I could do. I don't know where I'm to raise it this week."—New York Herald.

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU?

By EDMUND DESPREYNE.

Did it ever occur to you that in this hullabaloo about "anarchism" and "anarchy" we might be barking up the wrong tree?

Did it ever occur to you that it is a favorite trick of the pickpocket and hold-up man when pursued by the police and the crowd to join in the cry of "Stop, thief," thus putting the pursuers upon a wrong trail while he escapes with the plunder?

Did it ever occur to you that nearly all law breakers try to saddle their crimes upon someone else?

Did it ever occur to you that the really dangerous enemies of society and of law and order are not the little retail criminals, but the big wholesalers in crime?

Did it ever occur to you that we may be straining at a very insignificant gnaw of rare individual madness, while we swallow an enormous camel of calculating collective murder?

Did it ever occur to you that mine owners, railroad magnates, tenement landlords and proprietors of factories indirectly murder thousands and tens of thousands of their employes and the general public in order to make dividends?

Did it ever occur to you that high financiers who wreck banks and trust institutions, thereby driving a great many innocent people to starvation and suicide, are murderers?

Did it ever occur to you that the rich ascendents that can tubercular beef, put refuse and filth, and destroy by ptomaine poisoning God alone knows how many human beings, are assassins?

Did it ever occur to you that dividends wrung from the ruined bodies and minds of little children in cotton mills, glass works and tobacco factories are more dangerous and dam-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YES, HE WILL LEARN.

Editor of The Call:

Mr. Wheat's parable of the mercenary driver and his horse is good. Jack, who is, "perhaps" a union man, sometimes misunderstands Bill, who is, perhaps, a "rat." Bill will never join a trade union because he will never voluntarily pay tribute to a grafting leader. Maybe he is wrong; but Bill will never learn that. Still, Bill is a workman, and he will learn who is the driver and who is his fellow workman; he will realize the unity of the workers' interests and will vote with Jack.

New York, Jan. 8.

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AID AND COMFORT.

Editor of The Call:

While inclosing a dollar for the sustaining fund permit me to say that your editorial, "The Real Point at Issue," and Mr. Pagen's article, "To My Brother Unionist," were two of the most convincing arguments on the duties of workingmen I have read in the past fifty-three years. May you and he be long spared to advise the working class of your city and state in the sincere way of your friends.

JOHN L. SHANAHAN.

Mt. Carmel, Pa., Jan. 5.

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION.

Editor of The Call:

With your permission I would like to correct Mr. Kirkpatrick's quotation from Lester F. Ward's "Applied Sociology" in your issue of January 4. Mr. Ward did not say that "the working men are the intellectual equals of the capitalists to disprove the argument that capitalists get most of the world's wealth because of their intellectual superiority." What he did say and what Mr. Kirkpatrick has evidently confused, was that "if workingmen were the intellectual equals of capitalists there would be no labor troubles." Mr. Ward's work represents the necessity for a proper environment or education as a means of achievement. He also says that to honor those who succeed or achieve, equipped with a favorable environment or proper education, for those who have not these opportunities, is merely to extol privilege.

He also shows that practically all the achievement of the world has been accomplished by those free from the fear of want and hunger, and an absence of the destruction by the church of the free thinkers, the intellectual and biological, at no time creating the value of a developed mind, or hold that an undeveloped intellect has any chance, other conditions being equal, against a developed intellect. The career which is drawn is that more opportunities would create more help and achievement to the benefit of all society.

It is, therefore, society's duty in its own interest to increase opportunity.

New York, Jan. 5.

[It was certainly not Mr. Kirkpatrick's intention to minimize the value of education and intellectual culture. If the brief news report gave that impression it did him injustice. His point was that the capitalists are not in general superior in natural intellectual ability to the workmen, but that their apparent superiority is due to the better opportunities for education which they enjoy. Certainly Ward in his "Applied Sociology" upholds this view.—Ed.]

NATIONAL REFERENDUM C.

Editor of The Call:

I wish to trespass on your space to express my disapproval of all the amendments to the Socialist party constitution now being voted on by the membership under the title of "National Referendum C, 1908."

Before voting for these amendments in the manner of electing the national executive committee as proposed by the substitute for Section 1 of Article VI, each comrade should read the proposed amendment carefully and then ask himself two questions: First, having read it, can he be CERTAIN that he understands it fully and correctly? Second, were he at the present time voting for members of the national executive committee in accordance with the methods of the proposed amendments, how long a time would he require to mark his ballot, and can he be CERTAIN that he

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ing than all the dynamite in the world?

Did it ever occur to you that swollen fortune means myriad shrunken bellies, shamed women and baby graves?

Did it ever occur to you that ballots and a seat in the Senate more truly anarchistic than to the a bomb?

Did it ever occur to you that "factors of great wealth" who control our judiciary, debauch our legislatures and steal the public utility choices of a nation are anarchists in the worst sense of the word?

Did it ever occur to you that a business man who jeopardizes life failing to install safety devices in dangerous trades is a dangerous anarchist?

Did it ever occur to you that if you want to "stamp out" anarchy, you must stamp out the cause, which plutocracy?

Did it ever occur to you that an arch-anarch is Dives, not Lasarus?

Did it ever occur to you that the degree of anarchism may be in direct ratio to the size of the capitalist's fortune?

Did it ever occur to you that the wealthy corporation might be an anarchist group?

Did it ever occur to you that the dastardly crimes of Homestead, Lamer, Cour d'Alene and Colorado capitalist anarchism?

Did it ever occur to you that some of our public servants, sworn to uphold the national and state constitutions, are dangerous anarchists? Police anarchists, for example?

Did it ever occur to you that anarchy and individualism are the things?

could so mark it that there would be no danger of its being thrown out in non-compliance with the provisions of the law?

There are defects in our present method of electing members of the national executive committee, and they will be removed by the proposed method that is both intricate and ambiguous, and which will require the voter to spend a long time in preparation of his ballot, and leave him in uncertainty as to its being "who?"

In exercising the suffrage emphasis has a value which outweighs the deficiencies, and intricacy and ambiguity are in themselves burdensome, great that they may far outweigh the greatest and most necessary benefits.

The proposed substitute for Section 1 of Article VII is unwise in that it repeals Section 8. That section provides that the national secretaries may be recalled by the national committee. The amendment provides that the national secretary may be recalled by the party membership.

It is entirely wise that the party membership have the right to recall the national secretary, but it is not wise that the power of recall should be taken from the national committee. There is small likelihood that occasion will arise either for recall or removal of any national secretary, but should there be such a course it might be of vital importance to act with the utmost expediency, and in such a case the national committee could act in a shorter time than the party membership.

The proposed amendment to Section 6 of Article VIII, setting aside 10 per cent of the national dues to pay the railway mileage of delegates to national conventions is unwise for two reasons: First, the proposed per cent so set aside would be entirely inadequate for the purpose. Second, experience has shown that the increased activity of congressmen through the interest aroused by an approaching national convention enables the party to collect a national assessment for defraying the mileage of delegates with little trouble, and should avail ourselves of this opportunity to remove any national secretary, but should there be such a course it might be of vital importance to act with the utmost expediency, and in such a case the national committee could act in a shorter time than the party membership.

The proposition to amend Section 1 of Article XI, by striking out the proviso requiring that the necessary quorum for the submission of constitutional amendments to the referendum of the party shall be within a period of ninety days is unwise for the reason that ninety days for that purpose, as is now provided, is too long, and it is proposed to strike out the time limit would always be in abeyance, and would never be able to be set, and what the constitution might involve.

BEN HANFORD.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A. Schwabe.—A copy of the New York Herald of April 15, 1865, reporting the census of the Free State of Lincoln, would bring from 25 cents to \$1, according to its condition. The old books you mention have no market value.

Charlotte S. Weiss.—We are rather surprised at your statement that you "carefully peruse every item of the paper likely to give information of important Socialist meetings, lectures, debates and discussions to be held in various parts of the city, but find a word about them, in the order of a profound secret that the Call is anxious to conceal from its readers." The Call announces every such meeting of which it is duly notified, and there has never been an issue of the paper which did not contain numerous such announcements.

N. H. S.—The advertisements of the "Woman's World" to which you refer appeared in the city edition of The Call of December 22 and the National edition of December 23. The Chicago edition of the "Woman's World" No. 46-48 Monroe street. We regret to learn that your letter to them has remained unanswered. Better write them again, demanding an explanation.

Statistics.—According to the census of 1900, the proportion of the inhabitants of the United States living in cities was then 31.1 per cent. In 1890 it was 29.1 per cent. In 1880 it was 13.5 per cent. The ten largest cities in 1890 were, in the order of their size, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland, Buffalo, San Francisco and Cincinnati. These ten cities had an aggregate population of about 8,500,000 or about 25 per cent of the total population of the United States.