



THE CALL LIBRARY CONTEST

The Call Library Vote.

Any Trade Union, Labor Organization, Social Club, Singing Society, Political Party Local, Fraternal Organization, Lodge, Athletic Club, etc., can enter this contest.

The organizations receiving the largest number of votes will get the following prizes:

THE ALEXANDER EXHIBITION

A sense of the decorative filled the galleries of the National Arts Society on Tuesday night at the opening reception of the John W. Alexander Retrospective Exhibition.

A TREAT FOR ART LOVERS.

Of deep interest to those alive to the importance of our American school of landscape painting is the small collection of work by Samuel Weiss, on view in the exhibition on March 4 in the upper gallery at Clausen's.

At Philadelphia, he received also the Lippincott prize, Philadelphia, and the Carnegie prize. He is a member of the Society of American Artists.

He was given the degree of Master of Arts by Princeton University. The galleries of the American Arts Society were well crowded on Tuesday night.

Another canvas in the same room ("Study," No. 43) expresses a more "what inner expression. One cannot say that the figure exists. It could not breathe in the atmosphere in which it has been placed.

MAX N. MAISEL, 422 Grand Street, N. Y.

A select stock of English, German, French and Russian books always on hand.

BARGAIN LIST NO. 12. Edwin Markham—"The Man with the Hoe. Printed in a little booklet, together with the facsimile of the first draft of the poem.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT JAILS ARISTOCRATS

Swiss Society Suffragettes Go to Prison Rather Than Promise to Be Quiet. LONDON, Feb. 26.—Refusing to give security for their future good behavior, the women suffragists who were arrested Wednesday night while attempting to reach Premier Asquith to present to him a petition in the interest of the cause were sentenced to imprisonment yesterday.

PRESENTS ATTACK ON SEX

Suffragist Scores Miss Addams—Encouraged by Albany Hearing. "I cannot understand how the anti-suffragist can speak of women as they did at yesterday's hearing. I have never known what wretches women were until I heard the anti-suffragist tell how vicious we are.

NEWARK SUPPORTS THE CALL.

Thousands of Essex Citizens Attend Big Benefit Entertainment. NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 26.—Twenty-two hundred persons crowded Weaver's Coliseum last night to attend the benefit entertainment of the New York Evening Call.

FIRED BY INCENDIARY.

Torch Again Put to Two Crowded Tenements. Two tenement fires which started at No. 543 Ninth avenue and 313 First avenue at an early hour this morning gave every evidence of incendiary character.

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ROYAL FURNITURE CO. Grand Rapids Furniture. CASH 10% OFF. 139-120 ST. 3RD AVE. bet 119-120 ST.

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News Briefs. LOCAL. Lack of Air Nearly Kills Two. Benjamin Shepardson and Benjamin Warner, young men employed in the Casino at Short Hills, N. J., were found unconscious and nearly dead in the Casino's bathroom yesterday morning.

NATIONAL. Bill to Allow Oleomargarine. ALBANY, Feb. 26.—The specific prohibition in the present law against dealing in oleomargarine is stricken out of a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Platt.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Franklin MacVeagh, President-elect Taft's final selection for the Secretary of the Treasury, is preparing to drop business and by the end of this week will have severed his connection with the wholesale grocery firm that bears his name.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—By a vote of 20 to 12, the Senate yesterday passed the Humphrey bill providing for the election of United States Senators by popular vote.

FOREIGN. Paris, Feb. 26.—The government's project to pension employes of the state railroad has been completed, and yesterday was presented to a Parliamentary commission. It provides for the retiring of engineers and firemen more than fifty years old on half pay who have been twenty-five years in the service.

Klein Has Alibi. Pittsburg Councilman Tries to Prove Where He Was on Fatal Night. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 26.—The large number of witnesses called by the defense in the attempt to prove an alibi for Councilmen Klein and Brand made necessary the holding of a night session of court last night in the trial of Councilmen Klein, Watson and Brand and W. W. Ramsey, a former banker, on a charge of conspiracy.

M. & A. KATZ, Department Store. 831-833 3d Avenue, Near 51st Street. SPECIAL UMBRELLA BARGAINS, Regular \$1.50 values, at \$1.00.

BAUMANN & BRO. Owing to the Tremendous Success We will Continue to Offer for the Balance of this Month This Brass Bed to All Purchasers of \$100 Worth of Merchandise. Also Included in Our Various Outfits. Carpets, Rugs, Draperies, Crockery and Bedding.

ARGO DEMANDS VOTES FOR WOMEN

Orator Makes Eloquent Plea for Enfranchisement of Female Workers.

There was some difficulty in getting a hearing for John Spargo and Mrs. C. Block, the representatives of the Socialist party, to speak on the proposed constitutional amendment giving women equal suffrage before the Judiciary Committee in Albany last Wednesday.

After four hours of speechmaking the suffragists and anti-suffragists the chairman recognized Mr. Spargo and said that the two Socialist speakers would be allowed five minutes each, believing that this arrangement would not allow either speaker time enough. Mrs. Block made the announcement that in the Socialist party men and women are equal, and it would be preferable to have a man, a voter, speak for the bill, and therefore gave her five minutes.

Mr. Spargo introduced, Mr. Spargo greeted with applause. He said: "It is a matter for regret that one of the principal speakers for the opposition should have been fit to make an attack upon Socialism in the guise of making an argument against this bill. That was not just, either to the suffragists or to the Socialists. Although I have come here with my tongue in my cheek, I shall not use this occasion to denounce Socialism, to make an argument for Socialism in the guise of an attack for this bill. It is, however, only just to the members of the Woman Suffrage Association here represented by my colleague and myself, that I should say, that neither of the two sets of supporters of the bill is responsible for the views of the other. We Socialists make common cause with the suffragists in their great struggle to establish an important institution of democracy; we have no other bond. They are bound to our Socialist program; we are not in any way limited by their actions."

"We represent here, then, a political party which has for many years been pledged to the political and economic equality of the sexes. Nearly forty thousand men voted for this principle for the principle it embodies, and at the last election in this state, every Socialist vote is of necessity a vote for woman's suffrage. Lead us, we Socialists, to make common cause with the suffragists in their great struggle to establish an important institution of democracy; we have no other bond. They are bound to our Socialist program; we are not in any way limited by their actions."

"When my neighbor and my good friend, Mrs. Forse Scott, stated so frankly her own position—gave utterance to her thought which the latter speaker made their own—I felt here was the secret out at last. They are foes of democracy, because they are afraid of democracy. [Applause.] Mrs. Scott and the ladies who followed her argued, not against the extension of the franchise, but against the franchise for men. They want to restrict the franchise; to impose new and undemocratic and un-American tests and qualifications on the right to vote. [Applause.] I wish, I repeat, that this hall were packed with men, that they might understand the sinister force back of the opposition. If all the men of the state could understand that, you see, you would be compelled to pass this bill. [Applause.]

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FAIR NEWS

DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF FAIR TICKETS. We have pointed out before that this is an important part of the preparatory work of our Fair. The success largely depends upon it.

The Undesirable Citizen. A New Weekly Revolutionary—Vigorous, Unique Will be enjoyed by "REDS" and read by everybody.

NOT CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE

Socialists to Gain Deputies—Class Division Clearly Shown.

Special Cable to The Call. PARIS, Feb. 25.—The Socialist party is waging an extraordinary campaign in behalf of its candidates in the partial elections for the Chamber of Deputies that takes place in March, and it is expected that the 52 Socialists now in the Chamber will be heavily re-elected. Jaures' daily, 'Humanite', prints inspiring accounts of the tens of thousands who are attending Socialist meetings, and prophesies a great victory.

LABORITES TO DINE

Will Discuss "Next Step in Labor's Progress" on Saturday, March 6.

The Progressive Labor Club, which is the outcome of the farewell dinner given to Keir Hardie, M. P., the British labor leader, last month, will hold its next gathering at a 50-cent dinner at Kasper's Hungarian Restaurant, 5 East 13th street, on Saturday, March 6, at 6:30 P. M.

The subject of the discussion will be "What is the Next Step in Labor's Progress?" and the following speakers will address the club: Edward F. Cassidy, vice president Typographical Union No. 6; Leonard O'Reilly, executive board, Women's Trade Union League; Charles Edward Russell, the famous author and magazine writer; Anna A. Maley, assistant business manager of The Evening Call; Frederic C. Howe, author of "The City, the Hope of Democracy," and James F. Greary, formerly Socialist representative in the Massachusetts Legislature. Morris Hillquit will preside.

ITALIAN FIGHT GETS WARM.

Many Socialists May Be Elected to Chamber of Deputies. ROME, Feb. 25.—From all parts of the country reports are coming that the coming elections for the Chamber of Deputies will be extremely hard fought.

GIRL IS EXONERATED.

Miss Gertrude Robbins, who was arrested on February 15 at the time that Spencer Millet, an office boy for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, died of a stab wound he got while running from girls who wished to give him birthday kisses, was exonerated yesterday by a coroner's jury.

LIBERAL ART FORM

Piston Brunhoff, Director. TERRACE LYCEUM, 308 E. Broadway, N. Y. (14th St. car E. to W'burgh Bridge blocks South to E. W'p.). Friday, Feb. 26th, 1909, at 8 P. M.

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.

1st and 25th A. D. (German Branch)—243 17th street. 1st A. D. (Italian Branch)—At the Co-operative Store, 76 West 3d street. 2d A. D.—136 Henry street. 3d A. D.—154 5th Denancey street. 5th and 7th A. D.—At Spindler's, 255 West 27th street. 6th A. D.—293 East 3d street. Lecture by Timothy Murphy, on "Capital and Labor," at 10 P. M.

BROOKLYN.

Entertainment. The 21st A. D. will give a grand entertainment at the Labor Lyceum, 949 Willsborough avenue. There will be music and dancing, and Charles Edward Russell will speak. Excellent talent has been secured for the concert, and there will also be refreshments of all kinds. Twenty-five per cent of the "profits" will go to The Call Sustaining Fund.

ELIZABETH.

Branch 3. of Union County, will hold a business meeting at 709 Elizabeth avenue.

HARRISON.

There will be a business meeting of the branch at Barthel Hall, 216 Sussex street.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Resolved, That the Social Revolution can be Accomplished by Political Action Alone, is the subject of a debate to be held to-night at Music Hall, 26th street and Girard avenue, under the auspices of the 15th Ward branch of the Socialist Party. E. J. Higgins will affirm, while Benj. Dean will deny.

SCRANTON, PA.

The Socialists here formed a party organization in the central part of the city at a meeting held in Raub's Hall Tuesday night. A charter has been applied for, and it is expected that at the next meeting, which will be held on March 3, the plans of organizing the branch will be perfected.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

The committee having charge of the big euchre and dance entertainment to be given by the Young People's Socialist League in Waldorf Hall, Parkway and Sandusky streets, Allegheny, the evening of March 24, will meet at 8:30 6th street, Pittsburg, at 2:30 P. M., February 23, to complete the arrangements.

BOSTON, MASS.

There will be a special general meeting of the Jewish branch to-night in the club rooms, at 158 Chambers street. Important business will be transacted and there will be a lecture.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Judging from the preparations made by the members of the Jewish branch for the grand entertainment to be given by them for the benefit of the New York Evening Call Sunday night, February 28, in Masonic Temple, 9th and F streets, N. W., this affair will be the event of the

YONKERS IN LINE

Socialists of That City Will Also Hold Big Suffrage Meeting.

Determined not to be outdone by New York and Brooklyn in the matter of showing enthusiasm for the cause of woman suffrage, the Socialist party of Yonkers, assisted by Branch 1. of the Socialist Women's Society, has responded to the general call issued by the national office of the party for a woman suffrage demonstration on Sunday, February 28, and has arranged a big meeting to begin at 2:30 P. M., in the Public Library Hall.

Speeches will be made by Miss Francis M. Gill, Charlotte Teller, Lucian Sania, Jack Britt Gearity and others, and there will be a fine musical program rendered by the Chopin Musical Society.

In the meantime the enthusiastic suffragists of Greater New York are working hard to make the meetings arranged for next Sunday by the Socialist events long to be remembered, and by the interest shown their success is assured.

The Manhattan meeting will be held at the Murray Hill Lyceum, 34th street and Third avenue, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Among the speakers are Miss Leona O'Reilly, Mrs. Carrie W. Allen, Mrs. Meta Stern, Meyer London, and Algernon Lee. In Brooklyn the meeting will begin at 2 o'clock in the Labor Lyceum, 949 Willsborough avenue, and Mrs. Katharine Kennedy, Mrs. E. C. Wells, Mrs. Bertha Mathews Fraser, Henry Frank and Frank Bohn will speak.

The committee in charge of the Manhattan meeting asks of those who wish to help to call at 235 East 84th street for "throwaways" advertising the affair.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Edward King will lecture on "The Panama Scandal and the Roosevelt Slander," at 8 o'clock to-night, before the Young Men's Educational League, 83 East 4th street. "Anarchism in the Home" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered this evening by John Russell Coryell, before the Manhattan Liberal Club, in Berkeley Hall, 19 West 44th street.

Mrs. Florence Kelley will talk on "Votes, Hours and Wages for Work- ingwomen," at 11:30 P. M., in Clinton street, to-night under the auspices of the East Side Equal Rights League. Dr. A. P. Firth will address the Harlem Liberal Alliance in Fraternity Hall, 100 West 115th street, to-night on "Osteopathy, What It Is and What It Does."

At Terrace Lyceum, 206 East Broadway, to-night, J. H. Eredin, of Pittsburgh, will address the Liberal Art Forum on "Poverty—a Blessing." A discussion and concert will follow. Piston Brunhoff will render vocal and instrumental Russian music and read his new story, "The Strike of the Gardeners in the Eurasian Empire," after which will follow the monthly reception and dance till 2 A. M.

Oliver W. Stewart will talk on "The Problem of Drunkenness," at Cooper Union to-night, under the auspices of the People's Institute.

"Woman as a Citizen" is the subject of a lecture to be given to-night by Winifred Harper Cooley, before the Young People's Equal Rights League, at Lockwood Academy, South Oxford and Fulton streets, Brooklyn. Prof. Francis G. Peabody of Harvard University will lecture on "The University and Social Service," at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, at 23 West 44th street, before the League for Political Education.

Among the many things that will enliven the evening are: Speeches by Prof. Coleman, Mr. Joine and Mrs. Cohen. A vocal solo by Mrs. Dewart. A vocal solo by Mrs. Drake. An auto solo, by Prof. E. C. Kenney. A piano solo, by Miss Gershanick, of New York. A violin solo, by a well-known violinist.

A monologue and comic songs, by Morris A. Rosen. Dr. J. M. Rubinow is chairman of the entertainment committee and is confident of a large attendance.

MEETINGS.

HARLEM LIBERAL ALLIANCE, 116th St., cor. W'p. meets every Friday, to-night, Dr. A. P. Firth on "Osteopathy; What It Is and What It Does."

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BROOKLYN FRIENDS, ATTENTION! We will all meet for a good old time at the CONCERT AND BALL arranged by the 21st Assembly District, Socialist Party ON FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26, 1909 AT LABOR LYCEUM, Willsborough, near Myrtle Avenue.

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HEALTHY OPPORTUNITY. A party member running a prosperous business in a mechanical trade, but short of working capital, asks if there is any comrade that would invest \$200 for a year. Will guarantee 12 per cent. Gus, care The Call.

GROCERIES AND DELICATESSEN. Ch. F. Grube, 304 West 14th St. Staple and fancy groceries and delicacies; butter, eggs, tea and coffee. Orders promptly delivered.

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IN THE MAGAZINES.

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RYAN'S RETIREMENT.

The announcement that Thomas Ryan had retired from about thirty-four different corporations...

From Austria they will retire— From Turkey and Peru; From Canada, in humpbacked ire, They think of stopping too...

From India's coral strands, The plutocrats with all their cash Will skip away in half a flash...

This is a shattering consequence, And hurts one like a blow; But may one ask without offense: Wherever will they go?

Now to-day there are a thousand men in Wall street who could save the country if Secretary Cortelyou would do as he did last year...

Excuse this long letter, but you do not know what a relief arose from your troubles in somebody's ear...

That rheumatism may be relieved by injection of bee poison administered by the bees themselves...

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DR. M. J. ORTMAN, Surgeon Dentist.

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UNDERTAKERS. R. STUTZMANN, Undertaker.

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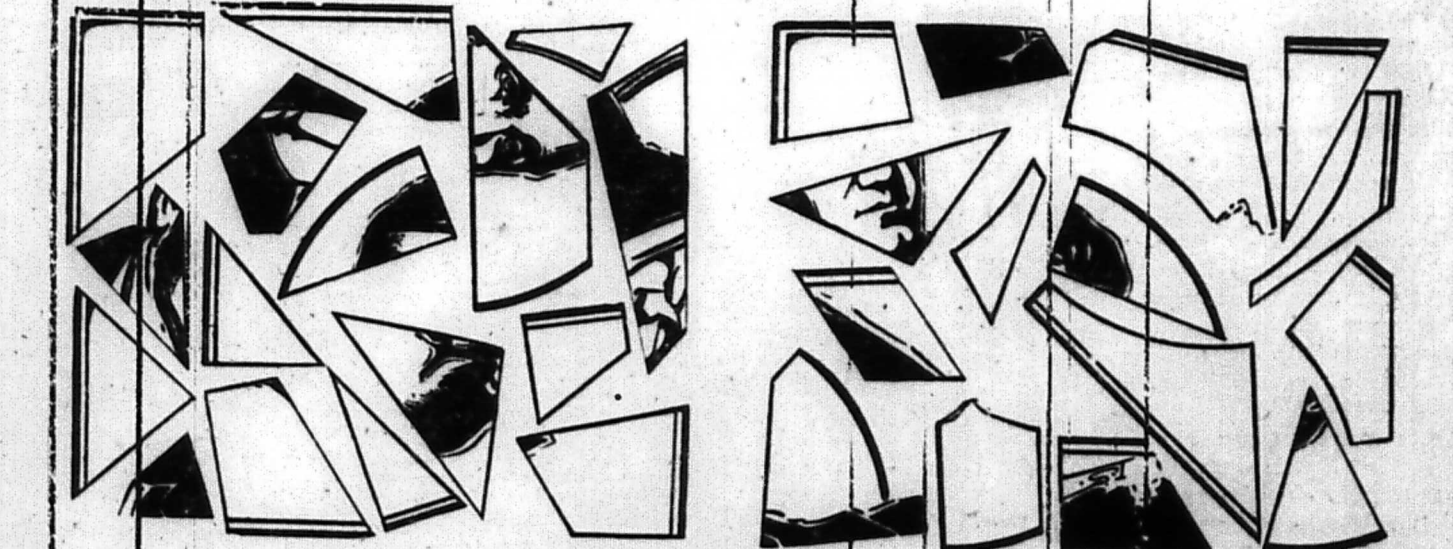
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The working class of the United States cannot expect any remedy for its wrongs from the present ruling class or from the dominant parties. So long as a small number of individuals are permitted to control the sources of the nation's wealth for their private profit in competition with each other and for the exploitation of their fellowmen, industrial depressions are bound to occur at certain intervals.  
—From the Socialist Platform.

# THE EVENING CALL

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WORKING CLASS

**THE SOCIALIST PARTY.**  
National Secretary, J. Mahlon Barnes, 126 Washington Street, Chicago, New York State Secretary, U. Solomon, 239 East 84th Street, New York.  
You who have voted the Socialist ticket, the next thing for you to do is to join the Socialist party organization. Every Socialist should be a member of the party and do his full share the year round to carry on its work and direct its policy.

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## HARD TIMES ARE STILL HERE.

Practically all the people of this country, with the exception of a few great capitalists and perhaps a few others, are still feeling the effects of the industrial depression which began in October, 1907. Workingmen are unemployed; small business men find sales so slow that they are hardly able to keep their establishments going; professional men are suffering with them—all as a consequence of the reduced purchasing power of the masses through the curtailing of production and of employment by the orders and for the profit of the dominant capitalists.

The old-party papers, with few exceptions, are making every effort to conceal the facts, to make each of the sufferers believe that his case is exceptional, that the depression is now confined to his locality or his branch of industry, and that, on the whole, prosperity has returned or is rapidly returning.

Such is not the case, and those publications which are intended for circulation solely among the capitalists, who need to know the exact truth, give the lie to the studied optimism of the majority of the daily press.

Here, for instance, is an extract from a recent bulletin of the Philadelphia News Bureau—an agency which exists for the special purpose of furnishing accurate information to bankers and brokers:

Mr. James M. Swank made the following statement in answer to a request for his view on the reduction in iron and steel prices:  
"I believe that, while a reduction in the prices of steel products will in some lines stimulate the demand for these products, prices will continue low all through the present year. In other words, there will be no restoration this year of the prices that have only recently prevailed. Our productive capacity in all branches of the iron trade is so much larger than any probable demand that any material improvement in prices over the current prices of the present week ought to be expected in an open market."  
"I may as well add that this country is to-day far from being as prosperous as has been represented. With the exception of our agricultural interests, few, if any, of our great industries have recovered from the effects of the panic of 1907. In most of our manufacturing centers there are very many idle workmen and working women and there is much suffering among them which ought to be more recognized in the newspapers than it has been. Right here in Philadelphia this condition prevails."

Mr. Swank speaks the plain truth. Prosperity has not returned, nor is there any indication of its coming back in any definitely predictable future. The country is still in the depths of a crisis which has already lasted sixteen months, which has brought thousands of small capitalists to bankruptcy and hundreds of thousands of workingmen to penury or pauperism, while swelling the fortunes of the greatest capitalists and tightening their hold upon the productive resources of the nation.

There is every reason to believe that the crisis may last yet for many months longer, that hundreds of thousands more workingmen will be dragged down to destitution before it runs its course, unless energetic action is taken by the national, state, and municipal administrations to set large masses of men to work and give the wheels of industry the initial push on the upward road.

## FEWER MARRIAGES, MORE SUICIDES.

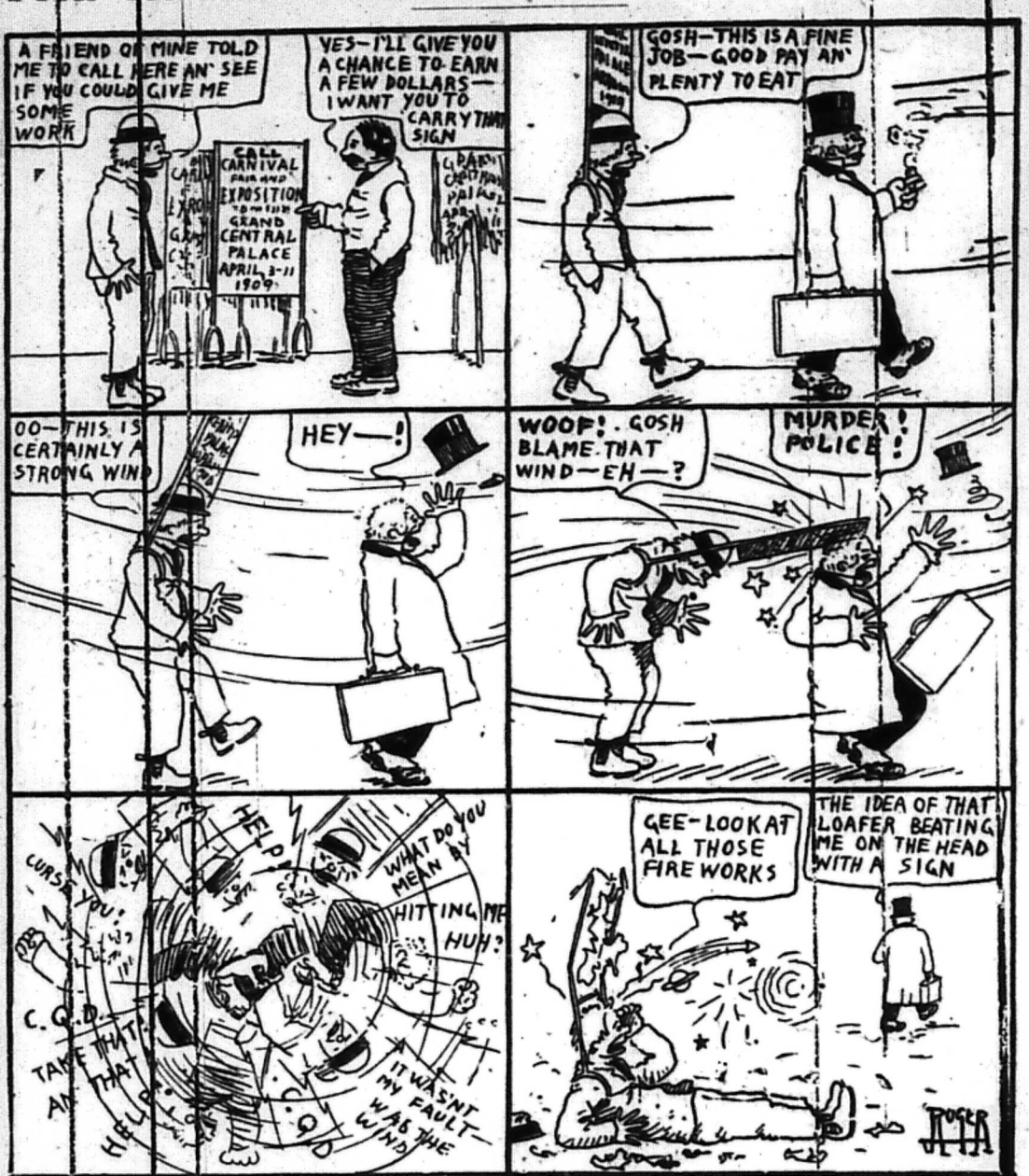
Health Commissioner Darlington has reason to congratulate himself upon the general showing made in his report for the year 1908. It is estimated that the population of New York City in 1908 was about three per cent. larger than in 1907. Yet the total number of deaths during the last year was less by 6,133 than in the year before—a decrease of nearly eight per cent. The death rate in 1907 was 18.48 in the thousand, and in 1908 it was only 16.52. There was a notable decrease in the number of deaths from pneumonia, Bright's disease, heart disease, consumption, and children's diseases, with the exception of measles, scarlet fever, and diphtheria.

This is all very gratifying. But there are two items in the report that are worthy of especial attention, as throwing light on the results of the industrial depression which began in October of 1907, lasted throughout 1908, and is still continuing.  
One of these is the startling increase in the number of suicides. In 1907 there were 711 cases of willful self-destruction. In 1908 the number rose to 994. Not only is this the largest number in any year of the city's history, but also the increase between 1907 and 1908 is the largest that has ever occurred between two successive years. In the last year of the era of prosperity, one in every 111 deaths were suicides. In the first year of the hard times, one in every 73 of those who died did so by their own act. To put it another way, while the population of the city increased but three per cent., the number of persons who killed themselves increased almost 40 per cent.

Still more striking are the suicide figures when they are put in comparison with the figures for marriages.  
In 1907, the last year of the era of prosperity, 51,097 couples were married. In 1908, the first year of the hard times, the number of couples who ventured upon matrimony fell to 37,899. Although the population and, of course, the number of persons of marriageable age increased during the year, the number of those who dared to marry decreased by more than 26 per cent.

The number of births was much higher in 1908 than in the preceding year. We shall have to wait for the records of 1909 to see the exact effect of the hard times upon the birth rate. That there will be a reduction, however, is perfectly certain.  
Nor will the statistics of the Health Department show the most serious effects of the industrial depression in this most important respect. They will not show the increasing proportion of "illegitimate" births. They will not show the number of cases in which births are deliberately prevented. They will not show the increase of prostitution, the direct and inevitable effect of conditions which prevent or postpone marriage.  
But even the figures that are before us are striking enough.  
Let the defenders of the existing economic system cease troubling themselves over the question whether Socialism will "destroy the family." Let them turn their attention to the fact that capitalism is actually undermining the foundations of the home, as well as producing a profound and ever more widespread discouragement and weariness of life.

## THE ADVENTURES OF OTTO OUTFLOW



A WINDY DAY PUTS HIM OUT OF BUSINESS.

## PREPOSTEROUS DISCONTENT.

Sydney Smith was a rare wit; he said many things worthy of being remembered. Among other things, he once wrote about the preposterous and impertinent discontent of the working class. It is so good that I turn this column to-day over to him to preach his little sermon.—Robert Hunter.  
"There is a village (no matter where) in which the inhabitants, on one day in the year, sit down to a dinner prepared at the common expense; by an extraordinary piece of tyranny (which Lord Hawkebury would call the wisdom of the village ancestors), the inhabitants of three of the streets, about a hundred years ago, seized upon the inhabitants of the fourth street bound their hands and feet, laid them upon their backs, and compelled them to look on while the rest were stuffing themselves with beef and beer; the next year the inhabitants of the persecuted street (though they contributed an equal quota of the expense) were treated precisely in the same manner. The tyranny grew into a custom; and (as the matter of our nature is) it was considered as the most sacred of all duties to keep these poor fellows without their annual dinner; the village was so tenacious of this practice that nothing could induce them to resign it; every enemy to it was looked upon as a dissolver in Divine Providence, and any nefarious church-warden who wished to succeed in his election had nothing to do but to represent his antagonist as an abolitionist, in order to frustrate his ambition, enslave his life, and throw the village into a state of the most dreadful commotion. By degrees, however, the obnoxious street grew to be so well peopled, and its inhabitants so firmly united, that their oppressors, more afraid of injustice, were more disposed to be just. At the next dinner they are unbowed, the year after allowed to sit upright, then a bit of bread and a glass of water; till at last, after a long series of concessions, they are emboldened to talk, in pretty plain terms, that they may be allowed to sit down at the bottom of the table and to fill their bellies as well as the rest. Forthwith a general cry of shame and scandal: 'Ten years ago, were you not laid upon your backs?' Don't you remember what a great thing you thought it to get a piece of bread? How thankful you were for cheese-parings? Have you forgotten that memorable era, when the lord of the manor interposed to obtain for you a slice of the public pudding? And now, with an audacity only equalled by your ingratitude, you have the impudence to ask for knives and forks, and to request, in terms too plain to be mistaken, that you may sit down to the tables with the rest, and be indulged even with beef and beer; there are not more than half a dozen dishes which we have reserved for ourselves; the rest have been thrown open to you in the utmost profusion; you have potatoes, and carrots, suet dumplings, sops in the pan, and delicious trout and water, in incredible quantities. Beef, mutton, lamb, pork, and veal are ours; and if you were not the most restless and dissatisfied of human beings, you would never think of aspiring to enjoy them."

## CAPITALIST SOCIETY'S WASTE OF BRAINS.

By MAURICE MAETERLINCK.  
Can we foresee what will happen when the human race as a whole will be taking part in the intellectual labor which is the labor proper to our species? To-day, hardly a brain in ten thousand exists in conditions entirely favorable to its activity. There is, at the present moment, a monstrous waste of spiritual force. Idleness at the top depresses as many mental energies as excess of manual labor annihilates below. It is incontestable that, when it shall be given to all men to apply themselves to the task at present reserved for a few favorites of chance, humanity will increase a thousandfold its prospects of attaining the great mysterious aim. In the midst of these reasons stands the huge monolith of injustice. There is no need to let it designate its victims. It oppresses consciences, humiliates intelligences.  
Wherefore then, can be no question of not destroying it; all that is asked of those who would overthrow it is a few years of patience, so that, when the surroundings have been cleared, its fall may entail fewer disasters. Are we to grant these years? The fact is, therefore, that to-day does not satisfy us in enough to make it our duty, or organic duty, so to speak, to destroy all that supports it, in order to make ready for the arrival of to-morrow.  
Even so we were to perceive very clearly the dangers and drawbacks of too much idleness in a population, it is regulated in order that we should fulfill the function assigned to us by the genius of the race, that we should take no notice of any patience, any respect, any tradition.  
In the social atmosphere we breathe, sent the oxygen; if we behave in it like the inert azote, we betray the mission which nature has entrusted to us; and this, in the scale of the crimes that remain to us, is the gravest and most unpardonable of transgressions.  
It is not ours to preoccupy our minds with the often previous consequences of our haste; this is not written in our part, and to take account of it would be to add to that part discordant words which are not in the authentic text dictated by nature. Humanity has appointed us to gather that which stands on the horizon.  
It has given us instructions which it does not behoove us to discuss. It distributes its forces as it thinks right. At every cross-way on the road that leads to the future, it has placed against each of its ten thousand men to guard the post; therefore have no fear lest the fairest tower of former days be insufficiently defended.  
We are only too naturally inclined to temporize, to shed tears over inevitable ruins; this is the greatest of our trespasses. The least that the most timid among us can do—and already they are very near committing treachery—is not to add to the immense deadweight which nature drags along. But let the others follow blindly the innate impulse of the power that urges them on.  
Even if their reason were to approve none of the extreme measures in which they take part, let them act and hope beyond their reason; for in all things, because of the call of the earth, we must aim higher than the object which we aspire to attain.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

**Interested Reader.**—A person may be naturalized in Brooklyn either by the United States District Court in the postoffice building on Washington street, or in the New York Supreme Court, in the court house, on Court Square, opposite the Boro Hall. Under the old law, a person coming here under the age of eighteen years did not require any first papers. Under the new law, however, which went into effect September 29, 1906, it is necessary for every applicant to first secure first papers. This law applies to every applicant, no matter at what time he arrived in this country.  
**Samuel.**—1. To teach in the high schools of New York City, one must be a graduate of some college. All the colleges of this state, with the exception of Columbia University, admit students on Regents' certificates for the required subjects. 2. Each college has its own requirements as to qualification for admission. All require a certain amount of English, one foreign language, mathematics, history and one science. The total number of credits may be made up by additional work in two or three of the subjects. Write to the college you intend to enter for further particulars.  
**W. T. Whittrick.**—You can get your second papers in New York if you are now a resident of New York. In spite of the fact that you obtained your first papers in Connecticut, you may now apply for second papers in New York. You will have to have two witnesses, both of whom are citizens of the United States, and both of whom must know you for more than five years. The charges for securing second papers are \$2 for filing petition and \$2 for issuing the second papers, making a total of \$4.  
**Abel L. White.**—You may use your new name in applying for your first papers. When you apply for your second papers you will have to present a custom house certificate, showing your arrival in Baltimore, and as this will show your old name, it will also be necessary for you to have a certified copy of the order changing your name.  
**James A. Neville.**—Any court record in the state of New York is subject to the order changing a person's name. There is no charge for entering such an order. As you will require a lawyer to do it for you, we would advise you to consult some lawyer and arrange the price with him.  
**WHAT HE LOST.**  
**Mrs. Jenkins.**—My husband has lost his head over these five days.  
**Mrs. Crooks.**—Yes, I noticed this morning he had lost the next thing to it, his hair.

## DENTS IN THE RUM DEMON'S HIDE.

By CHARLES DOBBS.  
John G. Wooley, who was once the candidate for President on the Prohibition party ticket, says the party has done all the good it can as an independent organization and should now go out of business. It does not matter particularly whether the other members of the Prohibition party take Brother Wooley's advice. It is worth while, however, to recognize that the Prohibitionists have rendered some distinct services to civilization. Directly and indirectly they have succeeded in putting some large and deep dents in the tough hide of the Demon of Rum, but probably not even the Prohibitionists themselves would be willing to admit that the greatest good they have accomplished has come out of their failures.  
The first failure of the Prohibitionists has been in the campaign to make people "sign the pledge." While working along this line the Prohibitionists did some tall fighting. With words that burn they have showed how terrible it is for a man to get drunk and beat his wife. Our tears have flowed when hearing about the destitute orphans who might have been rich and happy if Father hadn't wrecked his life and filled a drunkard's grave. Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and who-so-ever partaketh thereof is not wise. True! True! Beer is an abomination and whiskey osts the lining of your belly and steals away your brain. High balls are hellish and cocktails were invented by the devil. We would all be better off without them. Not the shadow of a doubt about that.  
You can't get away from those facts and the Prohibitionists have presented them eloquently, but somehow or other that sort of talk didn't hit the spot. Thousands and thousands of people bought tickets on the Water Wagon, but it is so difficult to maintain one's seat on that vehicle and the Rum Demon cackled with fiendish glee as the passengers fell off. In spite of the pledges signed in response to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union call to rally "For God and Home and Native Land," there was no decrease in the per capita consumption of booze. In 1907 we spent in this country the enormous sum of one billion five hundred million dollars for liquor. That was approximately 10 per cent. of the total sum paid that year in salaries and wages. Figures like that show mighty little permanent effect in individual abstinence from the appeals made by John B. Gough and Francis Murphy and their fervent followers for thirty-five or forty years. If any campaign ever failed, this one got people to stop drinking failed. Possibly many thousands of individuals "cut out the booze" and became "honored and respected citizens," but the vast majority found it impossible to resist the blandishments of the Demon of Rum. For every individual reclaimed from bibulous habits, two recruits were secured by the Demon of Rum for his valiant army of Boose Fighters.  
Maybe they won't admit it, but right here the Prohibitionists saw a great light. "Our young men clearly refuse to be good of their own free will; LET'S LEGISLATE RIGHT, EOUSNESS INTO THEM." That was what the Prohibitionists said in vain. They found that people won't total abstinens or even temperance in the midst of a rum environment. They then decided to legislate a new environment—an environment in which the sale of intoxicants was forbidden. In Tennessee they have taken the next logical step and forbidden the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. As they say down South, "When you go a-cattin', go a-cattin'." And in Tennessee they have gone "a-cattin'" with a vengeance. The moral tone of communities "dry" through local option has undoubtedly improved by making it more difficult to get liquor; but there has remained the "blind tiger" evil, and the Tennesseeans see that the only way to kill this foul child of the Demon of Rum is to kill the parent which provides pap for its young. That's enlightened reasoning, and it should be "hats off" to the valiant Prohibitionists who have brought a majority of the people of this country to see that the only way to cure an evil is to extirpate its cause.  
Another glory to the Prohibitionists' credit is that he has disregarded with fine contempt the "rights" of the booze sellers and the booze manufacturers. By their two laws forbidding the sale and manufacture of booze—laws passed over the veto of a Governor who believes in "regulating" the liquor traffic—the Tennesseeans have made worthless millions of dollars invested in distilleries and breweries and saloon fixtures. Millions of the Demon of Rum cried out with loud and bitter wails against this "confiscation," but the sturdy Prohibitionists were not deceived or dismayed. They said there was no "right" worth regarding which only meant a "right" to do what the majority considered to be a menace to the health and happiness of society. With fine scorn the Prohibitionists have disregarded that "liberty" which meant "liberty" to make and sell poison to all who might care to buy.  
Maybe the Prohibitionists have gone too far under the urge of indignation over the awful evils born of the Demon of Rum. Maybe they have failed to see why men have sought to gratify an abnormal appetite. No doubt the whole question of the liquor traffic has phases which have never been revealed to them. If the older will allow me, I hope to talk more about these phases. But for the present, if the Cold Waterites will accept the tribute, it is enough to say, "Here's looking at you!"

## WASHINGTON NUMBER TWO.

By WILBY HEARD.  
History seems determined to repeat itself, despite all coaxing of those in whose interest it is not to have it do so. Its most modern repetition, though until now overlooked by business-mad America, is in bringing before the public the receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad Company.  
Mr. Frederick W. Whittrick, even though in looks he may differ, nevertheless is the reincarnation of George Washington, the George who never told a lie. Of course evolution has not been standing still since the chopping down of the cherry tree, and Frederick is a vast improvement on George. Mr. Washington had the audacity to feel proud because he, with the aid of many others, fought for, defended, and, as some say, actually saved a mere whit of a nation; but it is left to the honor of a Whittrick to defend, fight for, and save the noblest of all corporations, the Metropolitan Street Railway. And the chances are that he, with the assistance of the courts, will succeed in his grand battle against our dishonest and heartless strap-hangers.  
The appeals which Mr. Whittrick every now and then make to the corrupt people of New York are enough to draw tears to one even more callous than the present writer. The aim of all his prayers is to improve this city's morals. His latest is an edition in the Century Magazine entitled "Public Morality and Street Railways." In this masterpiece he proves everybody to be anywhere but on the righteous path, and it also shows himself and his company perched on the pedestal of justice, kindness beaming from their every feature, smiling down and beckoning to the carfare-cheaters, and begging these human anchovies not to lug home to their families any of the nickels belonging to the company.  
Mildly you, so incapable is Mr. Whittrick of saying anything that is not just exactly so, that when the thought strikes him, he confesses that it may be that some of the owners of the railroad, not the present ones, but those of long ago—have made "honest mistakes." But then, they are such that are not worth mentioning.  
There is, however, one thing which will forever weigh heavy on

## AMERICA'S REPLICAN OF RUSSIA'S 'JUSTICE.'

Jan Janoff Pourn is still in the cell he has occupied for more than a year, and the Russian government is gathering additional "evidence" against him. Secretary Root refused, last October, to hand Pourn over to the Russian authorities, but held him until the Russian government could reinforce its case against the Lethian refugee. Why such tenderness toward the feelings and wishes of the Czar's government it is hard to see. In any case, it seems a strong replica of Russia's justice that a man claiming to be a political refugee should be held incarcerated while the prosecuting government proceeds about its case with cheerful leisure. In this city and in Chicago a movement has been set on foot for the revocation of our treaty of extradition with Russia. Of the wisdom of this movement we have our doubts; but it is quite possible to see how thousands of Americans should be tempted to join it. Give such men as Pourn a speedy trial and a chance to make out their defense, unhampered by the formalities of evidence that rule in our courts, and there will be need for denouncing our treaties with Russia or Mexico.—New York Evening Post.

