

COOPS TO GUARD KIDNAPPERS FROM OUTRAGED SHARON

Scranton Convention Authorizes Committee to Treat with Operators Again—Peace Probable.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 25.—If there is any trouble in the anthracite coal region this spring it will be entirely the fault of the operators, after the action taken by the tri-district convention of the United Mine Workers last night; for, although the demands of the miners were reaffirmed by the convention, it was decided by a resolution that if the committee fails in its efforts to get concessions from the operators President Taft shall be requested to appoint a commission to arbitrate the demands.

The convention, after a debate of several hours, decided to approve the report of the committee on policy, which reads as follows:

WOMAN WAS BRAINS OF PLOT

It is the belief of Chief Kohler, of the Cleveland police force, under whose directions the kidnapers were captured, that the woman was the real brains of the plot, which resulted in the abducting of "Billy."

Chief of Police Kohler was inclined at first to criticize strenuously the conduct of "Billy's" father in not taking steps to do more than gain the possession of his boy. He angrily talked of punishing the wealthy father's agent for the technical compounding of a felony. To-day, however, he said nothing further about this.

Mr. Whittia remained in Cleveland overnight for the purpose, it is believed, of continuing his testimony before the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury, before which he and "Billy" were both subpoenaed.

IDENTIFIED AS ONCE

The identification of the Boyles by little "Billy" was immediate and complete. Confronting the man alone, first the bright little lad was made to answer a long series of questions, covering every movement made by the male kidnapper and himself from the time of his being taken from the school until his being set at freedom. He thus repeatedly identified Boyles with his every movement.

Boyle sat stoically through this examination. He made no statement whatever, refusing, in fact, to say one word.

Then the woman was confronted by the fair-haired little youngster. Her face is now familiar to all over the United States. She was the opposite of the man in her conduct. As soon as she saw "Billy," she called him by name and he went at once to her. The woman seemed actually affectionate toward the child. She smoothed his shock of tow hair and called him by name, asking him if he was not glad to see "Joneese" again.

WOMAN WITNESSES DEED

After walking three blocks she complained of feeling ill and sat down on the curb. The detectives called an ambulance, in which the woman rode. It was found that she had swallowed morphine, but the physicians were uncertain whether the morphine caused death. "Her death looks to me as though it might have been a case of pure fright," said one of the physicians.

The total rewards for the kidnapers amount to more than \$20,000—\$10,000 offered by the state of Pennsylvania, \$5,000 by Frank Buhl, the owner of the school, and \$5,000 by the city of Sharon and Beaver County. Various offers were made. The arrests were made upon information furnished by O'Reilly, the saloon keeper, who noticed the couple in his place and became suspicious. Finally the police, under the direction of O'Reilly, took the reward.

HARB COAL MINERS ASK ARBITRATION

Report Adopted.

"To the representatives of the special convention of Districts 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America:

"We, your committee appointed to formulate a proposition to govern the anthracite mining districts between now and April 1 and after that date, have carefully considered every possible phase of the situation.

"We fully realize the seriousness of the situation. We have considered carefully the industrial conditions of the country and we know what are the conditions which surround the anthracite mine workers in their daily occupation.

"After having considered the situation from every standpoint we realize that in addition to the interests of the mine workers and the operators there are many other interests visibly affected.

"We submit to you for your careful consideration the following:

"We hereby reaffirm the demands formulated and agreed to at the special convention of the districts 1, 7 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America held in the city of Scranton October 12, 1908.

"We hereby confer upon the members of the executive board of districts 1, 7 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America full authority to meet the operators of the anthracite coal region and to negotiate with them upon such basis and for such a period of time as they, the members of the executive board, in their judgment believe the industrial and other conditions surrounding the anthracite mine workers may warrant.

"We hereby authorize and instruct the United Mine Workers, and so far as our authority goes the mine workers, to accept the offer of the operators of the anthracite coal region, to remain now and continue at work on and after April 1, 1909, under the terms of the agreement of 1906 and until such time as they otherwise are notified by the official representatives of districts 1, 7 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America.

District 1—Adam Ryscavage, John T. Dempsey, M. H. Healy.

District 7—John F. McEhenny, Andrew Matti, Daniel J. Lewis.

District 9—John W. Hartigan, Paul P. Pulaski, George W. Hartigan, John Fallon, Nell J. Perry, Myles Dougherty.

The resolution which authorized the committee to refer the matter to President Taft was adopted without a dissenting voice. The resolutions follow:

"Resolved, That the committee of seven representing the miners arrange another conference with the committee of seven from the operators at the earliest possible moment and make another effort to have these demands put into effect; and that the mine workers still refusing to grant some concessions, be it further:

"Resolved, That in proof of the justice of these demands we, the representatives of the anthracite mine workers in convention assembled, authorize our committee of seven to petition the Hon. William H. Taft, President of the United States, to appoint a commission to look into and investigate the conditions as they now exist and as they existed at the time the commission's awards were put into effect."

The convention adjourned at midnight.

Preceding the formal adoption of the report, a lively discussion of its main proposals was participated in by scores of the delegates. Nearly all of them asserted that the sentiment of their local unions was against a strike, but that the demand for official recognition of the union in whatever agreement may be made this year was practically unanimous.

Every speaker declared by intimation that, should the operators refuse to accede to recognition of the union, a national organization, no agreement would be made for a longer period than one year.

At the end of that period the present agreement of the bituminous miners will have expired, and the anthracite workers obviously are expecting that their case will be strengthened whenever the soft coal men are ready to make other agreements. In other words, the dominant feeling here is that the anthracite miners will be governed by the conduct of the soft coal men. Thus the prospects favor a continuation of peace for at least another year in the coal industry of the country.

CANADIAN MINERS WIN.

WINNIPEG, March 25.—There will be no strike of coal miners of Southern Alberta and Southern British Columbia. Miners and operators have here reached an agreement at McLeod, Alberta. The miners get better wages and hours.

Drivers and Scene of Novel Race Between Aeroplane and Automobile



The hundreds of automobile enthusiasts who have been watching the auto races at Daytona beach, Florida, were treated to several novel speed contests between an automobile and an aeroplane. The flying machine is the invention of Carl S. Bates, a Chicago boy, and was driven by him in many successful flights along the sand course. Bates built the machine and, arriving unheralded at Daytona one day, unpacked it and promptly began sailing up and down the beach. A speed of fifty miles an hour was easy for the aeroplane, and a series of races between the Bates machine and a fast automobile driven by Louis Strang, the "speed demon," was arranged. The Bates aeroplane takes flight from a standing start, rising to a height of fifty or a hundred feet, skims gracefully through the air. It was easy for Strang to drive his car faster than fifty miles an hour, but the novelty of a race between these two twentieth century inventions was a source of great interest.

FATALLY BURNED BY MAD RIVAL

Mrs. Culbertson Forced to Take Car-
bolic Acid by Unknown Jealous
Woman.

VINCENNES, Ind., March 25.—Mrs. Russell Culbertson, twenty-five years old, is near death, the supposed victim of a jealous rival for her husband's affections. Mrs. Culbertson was found in a shed unconscious. Her arms and head were bound and one arm and her face and throat burned with carbolic acid, which, it is believed, she had been forced to take by the other woman who is alleged to have had a man police.

The police were informed several days ago of four letters threatening the life of Mrs. Culbertson unless she deserted her husband. Each letter was signed "Beware" and the last, received to-day, was marked "Good-by" over a skull and cross bones.

Mrs. Culbertson two years ago came to Vincennes from a Chicago hospital. One of her first engagements was at the home of Joshua Braxton, Republican county chairman. There she met Russell Culbertson, stepson of Braxton, and on January 3, 1908, they eloped to Lawrenceville and were married. Doctors fear Mrs. Culbertson cannot recover.

YOUNG REDS CONFERENCE.

Socialist Youths of Greater New York Will Meet April 3.

The Young Friends Socialist Literary Circle of 1684 Delancey street, has called a conference for the purpose of uniting all the young Socialist societies in one large body. This conference will be held April 3 in Terrace Loysome, 206 East Broadway, at 6:30 P. M.

All the young Socialist organizations of Greater New York are requested to elect three delegates each. If they do not meet before April 3 they should be represented through their officers.

The order of business for the conference is as follows:

- 1—The forming of a federation of all the young Socialists in the United States.
- 2—The consideration of the question of holding a national convention in May.
- 3—The election of temporary officers and committees.
- 4—The question about the list of May celebration.

WHITE PLAGUE WITH US

Until the Present Social System is Abolished.

Dr. H. M. Biggs, of the Department of Health, during a lecture at the College of Physicians and Surgeons yesterday on "The Prevention of Tuberculosis," said that he did not think consumption will be wiped out in forty years, as it had been prophesied. While the present social and economic conditions exist the human race will be subject to this horrible disease.

"Medical science has done or is doing almost everything that it can to decrease the prevalence of the disease, and I do not think we can hope for a greater proportionate decrease than has already been accomplished. The social-economic problems involved are factors of so great importance that they must be dealt with before we can really work for the annihilation of the disease. The social and economic conditions of our time cause the overwork of our poorer classes and forces them into unhealthy surroundings, which foster consumption.

"The recent predictions that tuberculosis will be utterly wiped out within a few years have been made without a proper consideration of the conditions that produce it, and I disagree entirely with those who have made them. Tuberculosis will not be wiped out in a few years or anything like it."

HOLD THESE DATES:
April 3 to 11,
For the Grand Fair
AT THE
GRAND CENTRAL PALACE,
43d St. and Lexington Ave.
HELD BY THE
EVENING CALL.

All organizations and individuals who hold money for the Call Fair are requested to send same to the Treasurer, Miss Florence Margolis, 412 Pearl street, New York City.

CAMPAIGN OF FALSEHOOD TO BEAT STRIKING HATTERS

Manufacturers Circulate Lying Reports of Murder Threats and Riot—New York Newspapers Assist Attempt to Discredit Cause of Workers—Injunction Proceedings to Be Fought to Finish.

(Special to The Call.)

ORANGE, N. J., March 25.—Lies, unscrupulous, contemptible lies, are being manufactured by the bosses and manifested and distorted by a subsidized press in an attempt to discredit the striking hatters and bury their cause beneath a mass of monstrous mendacity.

For the past few days the newspapers of New York and other cities adjacent to Orange have been circulating lying statements concerning the violent and riotous conduct of the men who are striking to compel the use of the table of the United Hatters of America.

The climax of this odious dissemination of falsehood was reached yesterday when the capitalist dailies published a wild story of the receipt by the firm of F. Berg & Co., of threats by the strikers to take their lives unless they yielded to the demands of the union.

When seen late yesterday afternoon, one of the leaders of the hatters was asked concerning the truth of this report.

"It is too absurd even to warrant denial. This is a new development in the campaign to discredit the strikers. There has been no trouble of any sort, although the detectives and police guarding the Berg factory have done everything possible to inflame the men. It is more of the same sort of work that caused the lying stories of riots to be circulated."

Even Bosses Deny It.

Fearing that they had gone too far, the members of the firm of F. Berg & Co.—Frederick, Charles, Henry and Christian Berg—each authorized, later in the afternoon, a denial that they knew anything of the threats.

The strikers will have a lively time in the courts to-day.

The order to show cause why they should not be restrained from picketing the streets in the neighborhood of Berg & Co.'s factory is returnable before Vice Chancellor Howell, and there will be a hot fight to uphold the right of the hatters to guard against spies and scabs. Samuel Kalisch, the leading attorney of Orange, will represent the local in the proceedings.

In the Orange Police Court, the charges of assault and battery, which led to the arrest of three innocent Italians on Monday morning, will be heard.

These men, who have been in the country but a few weeks, and who are in no way connected with the strikers, were attacked by a special detective near the Berg factory, at Nassau and Jefferson streets. Entirely innocent of any offense, they were afterward arrested on a charge of assault and battery made by the detective.

Harry Kalisch and Ovidio Bianchi, also lawyers of Orange, will appear for

the men, and unless there is a gross miscarriage of justice, they will be released.

Retain Lawyer to Fight Injunction.

It has just been made public at local headquarters that Edward M. Colie, of 781 Broad street, Newark, the cleverest attorney in the state of New Jersey, has been retained by the United Hatters to fight the injunction proceedings which will come up before Judge Cross in the United States Circuit Court at Trenton, on March 28. Colie and the officials of the union are working like beavers to ward off the intended blow at the cause of organized labor.

President John E. Moffitt was so usually engaged yesterday afternoon in getting ready for the legal proceedings that he refused to take a length. He smiled when asked about riots and murder threats.

"It would really be very funny if it didn't do our cause so much harm," he said. "Of course, there is nothing in it. I'm too busy to talk about it," he concluded.

Hatters Stand Fast.

The hatters continued to stand firm. They have been hit for a number of days. Three of the workers in the factory of C. B. Rutan & Co., Valley road, East Orange, have turned traitors, and gone back to their jobs. John Burke, foreman of the finishing department; Bernard Meade, foreman of the pouter department; and Henry Colson, a fanger, are the men who have resumed their places in the Rutan establishment.

For six weeks these men received the weekly benefit from the United Hatters. Burke, the finishing foreman, is well fixed, and the strikers can attribute no other motive than treachery to his desertion.

It is rumored that the Rutan people, it is to be imported, are to be encouraged by Berg & Co. to import scabs, and herd them in their factory, in an effort to keep their business alive.

The reports that Berg & Co. are turning a maximum amount of money, and that the scabs coming in the factory are living in luxury, are positively untrue.

Men Expect Victory.

Despite the fact that funds are low and they are being grossly misrepresented by the capitalist newspapers, the strikers remain confident. "The men feel just as they did in the beginning," said an officer of one of the locals. "They intend to stand put for the label. You may be sure the slightest wavering from our side. For all time we say we will not return to work unless the label goes with us. It took us six weeks to beat the bosses in the struggle of 1898. We won then, and we will win this time. The outcome of this fight will be similar."

An entertainment and ball for the benefit of the United Hatters and Trimmers' Association, composed of striking hatters and hat trimmers will be held at the Orange Armory on Monday, March 29, for the purpose of raising funds for the men and women who are out on strike.

FIRE IN DUMBWAITER HOLD STEEL MAGNETS

Six Overcome and Many in Danger in Brooklyn Blaze.

John Webberson and his wife and four children were overcome by smoke and the lives of twenty others imperiled in a fire at 99 Wyckoff street, Brooklyn, at 11 o'clock last night.

The firemen succeeded in getting all out of the building in safety.

Some one dumped a scuttle of hot coals in the dumbwaiter and hauled it to the top of the shaft. The woodwork was set afire. George Cook, of 102 Wyckoff street, saw the reflection of the blaze and ran to the house. Mrs. Webberson was awakened and alarmed her family. When they opened their doors they were driven back by the smoke.

Meanwhile the other tenants were aroused. Owing to the smoke they could not escape by the stairs and ran out on the fire-escapes. Cook and two friends ascended the rear fire-escapes. They found the Webbersons unconscious and carried them to the street, where they were revived. Firemen rescued the other families.

Only trifling damage resulted, and the fire was soon out.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 25.—Charles Ostermeyer, thirty-five years old, of Sayreville, was instantly killed, and Frank Fullen, of Parlin, seriously cut about the head in an explosion at the works of the International Smokeless Powder and Chemical Company, at Parlin, late yesterday. The two were experimenting at one of the evaporation tanks with a new method of taking acid out of gun cotton.

CARNEGIE TALKS PEACE.

Condemns England's Revival of War Spirit Among Nations.

Andrew Carnegie last night addressed the members of the Peace Society of the City of New York, at which he is president, at a meeting held at Carnegie Hall to "celebrate the present condition of world peace."

Many advocates of international arbitration and foreign representatives attended.

Mr. Carnegie's speech was notable for a severe arraignment of the present government in England, which, he said, had revived the war spirit and had started the civilized nations arming to the teeth by its policy of building Dreadnoughts.

He expressed the hope that the dawn of universal peace and international arbitration was not far off.

CENSURE P. S. C. FOR INACTION

Assemblymen Want to Know What Has Been Done About Transfers.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 25.—The Public Service Commission was harshly censured in the Assembly yesterday. Assemblyman Goldberg, of New York, offered a privileged resolution calling upon the commission to furnish the Assembly within thirty days a complete report on its investigation relative to the restoration of transfers in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, and in particular as to what the commission has done regarding the transfer problem involving the Central Park, North and East River line.

Mr. Goldberg said the Public Service Commission had apparently been derelict that the transfer question was one of the utmost importance and ought to receive better attention. There is a bill in the Legislature now to compel the railroads to issue transfers. Nothing had been done with that measure, and Mr. Goldberg thought that the blame for their delay ought to be placed to some extent on the failure of the Public Service Commission to co-operate.

Assemblymen McGrath, Oliver, McCue, Frisbie, Joseph and Bauman each delivered a speech in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

After an hour had been devoted to the minority's discussion of the resolution, majority leader Merritt said he thought the transfer advocates felt better. He then moved the resolution be referred to the Railroads Committee, and it took that route by a vote of 75 to 47.

OPPOSE TUNNEL EXTENSION.

Shonts Thinks It Would Be Prejudicial to City's Interests.

Further objection to the extension of the Hudson tunnels to the Grand Central depot were set forth yesterday in a letter to the Public Service Commission.

President Shonts, of the Interborough, wrote, protesting that the McAdoo plan to run the new tunnel under 42d street on the grade known as the second level, that is the level immediately below the present subway, would be prejudicial to the city's interests for the reason that the city's level should be reserved for future subways to be constructed running north and south on Manhattan Island.

The commission will consider this argument before announcing its decision on the McAdoo application.

DISCUSS MET. SALE.

Inter-ct. Will Announce Course a Few Days Before Foreclosure.

The pending foreclosure sale of the Metropolitan was discussed at a meeting of the Board of the Interborough Metropolitan held yesterday.

After the meeting it was announced that while the management of the Inter-Met has a general idea of the course it will take, the details of the plan are yet to be worked out. It is not expected that the company will have any definite announcement to make until a day or two before the sale.

ONE KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED

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THE CALL LIBRARY CONTEST

The Call Library Vote.

I vote for... Name... Address... Please tie up coupons in bundles of 10.

USE THIS COUPON TO HAND IN YOUR VOTE. Here is the way the record stands up to March 22:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Votes, and Rank. Lists various unions and their vote counts.

CONTEST NOTES. The 23d Assembly District of Brooklyn comes in with 2,000 votes.

M'PARTLAND & O'FLAHERTY UNFAIR

Organized Labor Ignored by West Side Department Store. The United Brotherhood and Amalgamated Society of Carpenters has called the attention of organized labor to the fact that the fixtures of McPartland & O'Flaherty's new department store...

M. & A. KATZ, Department Store. 831-833 3d Avenue, Near 51st Street. SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

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Our Refrigerators are made by manufacturers who have gained world-wide reputations for producing only those kinds that are beautiful in design, well-finished and remarkably durable for their ice-saving and sanitary properties.

Prices from \$4.75 upward

97 MILES FROM POLE

Captain Scott Explains Record of Lieutenant Shackleton.

LONDON, March 25.—Captain Robert F. Scott, who commanded the national Antarctic expedition of 1906-7, writes that the really brilliant part of Lieutenant Shackleton's trip toward the South Pole was apparently accomplished by the men themselves dragging their loads. Their ponies, like the dogs of the national expedition, only helped part of the journey.

Louis C. Bernacchi, the scientist and explorer, writing with the experience he obtained when he was physicist to the Discovery Antarctic expedition in 1901-04, praises highly the immense amount of work achieved by the members of the Shackleton expedition in a comparatively short time.

THREE EXPLORERS WHO GOT WITHIN 97 MILES OF THE SOUTH POLE.



TROUBLE IN HOLLAND

Dutch Socialists Have Serious Family Quarrel—Squalls Ahead.

(Special to The Call.) AMSTERDAM, March 25.—Disatisfied with the referendum vote of the Social Democratic Labor party membership which has confirmed the action of the special convention held in Deventer last month in expelling from the party the editors of the Tribune, a daily, which was run principally to attack the present party management, a number of the extreme revolutionists have left the party and intend holding a convention for the purpose of organizing a new Socialist party.

FUN IN THE 26TH A. D.

There will be a fine concert and entertainment given by the Socialists of the 26th Assembly District at their headquarters, 64 East 194th street, Sunday evening, March 28. Splendid talent has been secured and a big success is assured.

What can I do to help The Call? This is a question we are asked daily, and we always answer: Buy of Call advertisers.

SPECIAL NOTICE. Any person holding Donation Books will kindly send same to The Call office at once.

FAVORS INCOME TAX

But Taft Will Delay Action Until Next Session.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Taft favors the passage of an income tax law, say the callers at the White House.

BUILDING NEWS.

The following plans have been filed with the Building Department for new structures in Manhattan and Bronx: 7th st. n. s. 201 ft. e. of 3d av. for a six-story brick tenement, 36.6x52; Harbert & Slik, of 117 East 7th st. owner: Bernard E. Bernstein, architects; cost, \$40,000.

ACTIVE SOCIALIST GONE

Ridgefield Park Workers Mourn Loss of Charles Turrian.

(Special to The Call.) RIDGEFIELD PARK, N. J., March 25.—Charles Turrian, of Wanant avenue and Tenec road, died suddenly at his residence at 6 A. M. yesterday from a stroke of apoplexy.

Workingmen's Educational Assoc'n.

ELIZABETH, N. J. GENERAL MEETING Thursday, March 25, 1909. IN BERTRAM'S HALL, 605 Elizabeth Avenue. All Party Members Are Invited.

Do You Know Mr. John Martin? Items involving less than \$5,000 omitted.

IF YOUR HAT IS AS GOOD AS McCANN'S IT COST MORE. McCann's Hats. 210 BOWERY, Opp. Rivington Street.

WAGE CUTS KEEP ON

Lehigh Valley Iron and Steel Companies Slash Workers' Pay.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 25.—The companies operating the iron furnaces in the Lehigh Valley have decided to reduce wages of furnacemen 10 per cent. This reduction will apply to 3,000 or 4,000 workers.

DOVER, N. J., March 25.—The Wharton Steel Company has announced a 10 per cent. reduction in the pay of its blast furnace employees and miners, to go into effect April 1.

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AT LAST

The book that was needed long ago is now here.

SOCIALISM In Theory and Practice. By MORRIS HILLQUIT. Cloth, 370 Pages, good type. The Socialist Literature Co., 15 Spruce Street, N. Y. Offers this book at rock-bottom figure, \$1.35 PER COPY.

STUDY MARX AND ENGELS FOR YOURSELF

A Socialist who has read their books over and over still has mastered them. It is likely to be an active force in the movement. His work counts double, because he has learned enough about the make-up of capitalism to give him clear ideas as to what is worth doing.

Grand Labor Fair and Carnival

AT GRAND CENTRAL PALACE, APRIL 3 to 11, 1909.

A few people want something for nothing; most folks are willing to give something when they know they are going to get something in return, especially when that something is just what they need.

S. N. WOOD & Co. Men's Clothing. Sold Direct to the Wearer at Wholesale Prices. 84 to 90 Fifth Avenue, Corner 14th St.

Buy Your Suit of the Manufacturer and save from \$5 to \$15 on every Suit. WE SELL direct to the public at our manufacturing warerooms, eliminating all middlemen's profits.

Workingmen's Co-Operative Publishing Association. Publishers 'THE NEW YORK EVENING CALL'. An adjourned meeting of the Workingmen's Co-Operative Publishing Association will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 8 P. M. at Pearl Hall, 475 Pearl St., Manhattan.

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DOINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

MARATHON TRACK TO BE DECIDED

There will be a great gathering tomorrow at the Polo grounds, for the "Marathon" Robertson will be on the track to decide upon the exact size and location of the track for the \$10,000 Marathon Derby to be decided on Saturday, April 3. It is a safe conclusion that the track will not be more than four or five laps to the mile, which will be a big advantage in such a long race. The race will be run on the turf, and the course marked out by a broad white inside rail, with small flags at every few yards.

LEADER OF WORLD'S CHAMPIONS AND HIS STAR, WHO HAS QUIT



The announced retirement of Johnny Kling, the Chicago Nationals' star catcher, from baseball has thrown a body blow into the Cubs' chances for a fourth pennant. The star backstop's threat to quit the diamond and devote his time in the future to his business interests in Kansas City has been taken in deadly earnest by Manager Chance and the players who know Kling best.

GIANTS READY FOR OPENING DAY GAME.

DALLAS, Tex., March 25.—Manager McGraw decided to-night that the Giants are now practically in shape to begin the season, and from now on the training work will be cut down to about one-half. The youngsters are in fine fettle, while the veterans are just arriving at that stage known by ball players as "right."

JEFF OUT ON THE ROAD.

BOSTON, March 25.—Jim Jeffries started his road work in his training yesterday and did a first-rate performance. He ran from Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street to Massachusetts avenue and Boylston street. The speedometer on the automobile at the finish registered four and one-half miles, and the time was 26 1/2 minutes.

KEYES AND CORBETT TO CLASH AT WHIRLWIND.

Bert Keyes and Young Corbett will meet at the Whirlwind Athletic Club to-night. Keyes has been working with Stanley Ketchel and is in grand shape. He has youth and stamina on the Denverite, but since feeling how he dropped Mario with a full clean punch it won't be well for Keyes to daily around any of BM's hay-makers. Corbett is betting that he knocks Keyes out. They've all tried it, but the blond generally answers the last bell with a grin. If Corbett should by any hook or crook knock hard-hitting Keyes out he would be as famous as the day he beat Terrible Terry at Hartford.

MIDDY NENE BEATEN, 7 TO 5.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 25.—The middlemen's baseball season was opened here yesterday with a defeat for the Navy by a score of 5 to 7 at the hands of the St. John's College nine of this city.

ANSWER TO QUERY.

C. B. C.—There is no record of Left Crook and Stanley Ketchel having fought in a slug battle. May have boxed together while training.

Advertisement for a department store with address: 2 E. 9th St. Ave. A. E. Y.

Advertisement for Fisher Bros. Furniture, Carpets, Bedding, etc. at Columbus Ave. Bet. 103 & 104 St.

JACKSONVILLE EASY FOR BROOKLYN TEAM.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 25.—Manager Lumley took himself out of the game last evening between the Brooklyns and Jacksonvilles. Kustus playing in his place in right field. The judge had a good opportunity to watch his team drive the locals almost to the river by their swatting. The game was virtually won, as were the previous games, right off the reel. In the first inning the big leaguers scored a brace of runs on a double by Burch, the local third baseman's error, a single by Sebring and a double steal by Sebring and Hummel.

LANGFORD AND HARRIS BOUT.

Sam Langford, who is matched to fight Jack Johnson in England, has been secured by the Marathon Athletic Club for next Monday night, at the Clermont Avenue Rink, and will have as an opponent Morris Harris. Langford met Harris on one occasion for fifteen rounds and at the end the battle was called a draw and Sam did not jump at the opportunity to meet Harris again, but as the club was unable to secure any other man who seemed to have a chance with the colored phenom he finally consented to take him on.

SPALDING'S GUIDE OUT.

The first real sign of life in the baseball world made its appearance yesterday, when Spalding's Official Guide came to hand. In this valuable little book all the official playing rules adopted by the joint rules committee are mentioned. It also contains all the playing rules in a simplified form, and all dope that will satisfy the most ardent fan.

GARDNER WANTS FIGHT.

Bert Gardner, through his manager, Louis Goodman, issues a challenge to any fighter in the country.

TIGERS WHIP N. Y. U.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 25.—Ideal weather prevailed in the opening ball game of the season here yesterday. Princeton won from New York University by the score of 10 to 5.

Advertisement for a 3, 5 and 10 cent store, located at 2885 Third Ave., near 172d St.

Advertisement for Henry Frahme Trussmaker, located at 1499 3d Ave., Bet. 24th & 25th Sts.

Advertisement for Boston Smoker, located at Levenson Bros., Makers, 5 Chambers St., Boston, Mass.

FREE LECTURES TO-NIGHT

- List of free lectures including "Public School 5, 141st street and Edgecombe avenue," "Public School 46, 186th street and St. Nicholas avenue," etc.

Advertisement for Deutsch Bros. Furniture, Carpets, Linoleum, Bedding, etc. with address: 1342-1344 3rd Ave. & 58 Ave. A.

Advertisement for bread bearing the Union Made label, located at 27-3 Third Ave., near 121st St.

Advertisement for musical instruments, located at 27-3 Third Ave., near 121st St.

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CALL FAIR NEWS: All organizations and individuals who hold tickets for the Call Fair are requested to send moneys to the treasurer, Miss Florence Margolies, 442 Pearl street.

THEODORE ROSENFELT, the hero of Houston Street and San Juan, has left us, after throwing a few bouquets at us. We shook hands with him at the gang plank, saying good-by to him and thanking him for his efforts to popularize the cause of labor, by snapping at it in his most profound style.

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"DIE MEISTERSINGER" WELCOMED BY WAGNERITES

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By HARRY CHAPIN PLUMMER.

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RICHARD WAGNER'S COMEDY "DIE MEISTERSINGER" SUNG WITHOUT CUTS

In all the wealth of detail provided by Richard Wagner, his composer, "Die Meistersinger von Nuernberg"—the unabridged version—was sung at the Metropolitan Opera House Tuesday evening, under the directorship of Alfred Hertz, as the fifth in the series of special performances of which Beethoven's "Fidelio," Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro" and Wagner's "Parsifal" and "Tannhauser" were heard on successive Saturday evenings within the last month.

Mme. Johanna Gadski and Mme. Louise Homer took the roles of Eva and Margarete, respectively, in Tuesday's production. Walter Soomer, who appeared as Hans Sachs, developed a study of the famous character that was satisfying to the utmost degree and that, in its vocal side, particularly, was a notable factor in a truly elevating performance of the opera.

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strenuous music-drama, this winter. As before, Mme. Geraldine Farrar was the Nedda and Giuseppe Campanari the Tonio.

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SOCIALIST NOTES

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

To-Night's Meetings.

MANHATTAN AND BRONX. Business. 3d and 10th A. D.—229 East 12th street. Lecture by G. R. Sackman on "Methods of Production," at 10 P. M.

BROOKLYN.

Business. 3d A. D.—550 Hicks street. 5th and 23d A. D. (Branch 1)—15 McDougal street.

ORANGE.

The branch will hold an entertainment, concert and dance in Eagle's Hall, Cone street. An excellent program has been arranged and a merry time is assured.

PATERSON.

George H. Goebel will lecture on "How to Obtain a Living," at the headquarters, 184 Main street, under the auspices of Local Passaic County.

WEST HOBOKEN.

3d Ward (First Precinct).—Liberty Hall, Spring and Shippen streets. Business.

UNION COUNTY, N. J.

The Executive Committee of Local Union County has arranged a big party meeting for Tuesday evening, March 30, at 8 o'clock.

BOSTON, MASS.

The Jewish Socialist branches have arranged for a lecture on "Immigration," to be delivered by John Fitzpatrick, of Hyde Park, at 8 o'clock to-morrow night at their headquarters, 156 Chambers street.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

The Socialists are arranging to hold a big May Day celebration, and intend to get J. Medill Patterson, of Chicago, for the principal speaker.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Collegiate Equal Suffrage League of New York State cordially invites those interested to attend its annual public meeting, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, 8:30 o'clock this evening.

Remember the Heroes in the Strife for Russian Freedom

AND THEIR BENEFIT AT THE Grand Concert and Ball ARRANGED BY The Relief Society for the Political Victims of the Russian Revolution AT GRAND CENTRAL PALACE, Lexington Avenue and 43d Street.

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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

- ATTORNEY AT LAW. Sam W. Elges, 445 E. 174th St. BREAD AND CAKE BAKERY. V. Adolf Schaeffer, 1433 Washington Ave.

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- BOOTS AND SHOES. Frank Koslow, 1745 Pitkin Ave. BUTCHER. Jos. Kuns, 1219 Myrtle Ave.

OUT OF TOWN.

- SHOE STORE—Jersey City. The Bates Shoe, 149 Newark Ave. BOOTS AND SHOES—Newark. Scholinger's Shoe Store, 174 Ferry St.

HELP FOR HATTERS

Union's Appeal for Funds Makes Many Locals Respond.

The appeal for funds on behalf of the 20,000 hatters who are out on strike to compel the use of the label of the United Hatters of North America is bearing fruit.

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DRIVING CAPITAL OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

One of the objections most frequently advanced against Socialism is that it is driving and will drive capital out of the country.

Table showing percentages for various countries: Europe 178,891,600; Africa 184,732,400; North America 264,990,500; South America 146,414,700; Asia 198,732,200; Australasia 71,412,800; General 7,776,000.

The ordinary individual would think that until Socialism began to assume formidable dimensions no money was ever invested outside the United Kingdom.

Much of the African and Australian total is represented by mining interests, but state and municipal borrowing of Brazil and Chile and other nations in Asia money advanced to India, Japan and China furnishes most of the total.

Table showing percentages for various countries: Japan 187,070,300; United States 83,356,500; Canada 81,277,500; Argentina 76,412,500; Transvaal 59,812,700; India 59,072,300; Brazil 59,375,900; Cape Colony 56,304,700; Russia 50,551,300; Mexico 48,768,800; China 48,768,800; Rhodesia 35,750,800; Egypt 24,500,300; New South Wales 19,309,800; West Africa 17,045,000; Western Australia 16,404,800; Natal 15,187,600; Chile 12,647,100; Victoria 11,037,300.

It is worth while alluding in more than a passing aside to the state and municipal borrowing that has been going on here for a good many years past for the benefit of other nations.

Assuming the average rate of interest to be 5 per cent, the income for 1906-7 represents a capital investment of not less than 11,591,200,000.

Whist, however, these "patriotic" banners which bear the name of investment in home corporation securities they have not hesitated to assist in placing on the market here any foreign national, provincial, or municipal loan out of which they could get a cent of commission.

Table with columns: 1886-7 (44,598,000), 1887-8 (46,978,400), 1888-9 (49,959,800), 1889-90 (52,310,200), 1890-1 (55,488,800), 1891-2 (54,728,800), 1892-3 (58,912,000), 1893-4 (55,118,000), 1894-5 (53,506,300), 1895-6 (54,901,100), 1896-7 (56,319,600), 1897-8 (56,639,700), 1898-9 (59,709,300), 1899-1900 (60,286,900), 1900-1 (60,331,500), 1901-2 (62,559,500), 1902-3 (53,828,700), 1903-4 (65,865,300), 1904-5 (70,421,100), 1905-6 (73,899,200), 1906-7 (78,560,100).

The sort of thing incontestably proves that it is not the safety of the investments which primarily attracts the capitalist. He would lend money to a Socialistic state if it offered him enough return, and he could afterwards unload the stock or bonds on the general public.

FOR THE GOOD OF— IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

Every banking firm in Wall street received a circular letter last Thursday from the American Railroad Employes and Investors Association.

The prediction of the Daily Socialist that a plan is on foot to divide up Central America between the United States and Mexico seems to be verified.

At the Boston Immigration Station one blank was recently filled out as follows: Name—Abraham Cherkowaky. Born—Yes. Business—Rotten.

JOHN GALSWORTHY'S NEW BOOK.

A COMMENTARY. By John Galsworthy. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1908. Pp. vi, 263. Price, \$1.50 net.

They are little sketches of life—idyls of misery so deep that it has long since ceased to feel of the terror of downward-slipping men facing with stricken eyes the inevitable last abyss of pallid, despoiled childhood and the shivering horror of forlorn old age.

Under the title "Vital Problems in Social Evolution," Charles H. Kerr & Co. have published as one of their fifty-cent social-science books a collection of ten essays.

NOTES OF NEW BOOKS.

"The Disinherited" (J. S. Ogilvie Company; price, \$1) consists in the main of "Observations in Travel," contributed to the South Side Observer, by Mr. George Wallace.

Mr. William H. Allen, who has been much in the public eye of late as the vigilant and energetic secretary of the Bureau of Municipal Research.

OUR DAILY POEM.

THE MODERN SKELETON. By Charlotte Perkins Gilman. As kings of old in riotous royal feasts.

So our new kings in their high banqueting. With the electric lute unforecasted.

It is necessary to distinguish between alcoholism, chronic alcoholism and dipsomania, says Samuel McComb.

Chicago's health authorities are starting an active campaign against diphtheria, the disease which is giving the department the hardest fight at present.

The word "kerosene" seems to have been first used in the United States patent No. 12,612, of March 27, 1885, granted to Abraham Gesner.

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Table listing names and amounts for the Sustaining Fund: Fred Rockwell received \$3 on acct. bond; 50c: A. D. Karkus, 25c; B. Rosenthal, 25c; M. Weinstein, 25c.

THE SAME CAUSE OF ACTION.

Ruth Bryan, daughter of the Presidential candidate, has secured a divorce from her husband for non-support.

THE UNFEELING WORLD. "Did you ever feel that the world was against you?"

Our Daily Puzzle. Illustration of a man and a woman looking at a puzzle.

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THE CAUSE OF HARD TIMES.

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 SOCIALIST PARTY. National Secretary, J. Mahlon Barnes, 180 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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DEATH FOR KIDNAPPERS?

Some excited persons are clamoring for the enactment of a law providing that the crime of stealing a child for the purpose of extorting ransom shall be punished by death.

We need not impugn the motives of these advocates of an extended use of the death penalty. They mean well, no doubt—as, for that matter, most people mean well most of the time, even when they are making the most serious mistakes and doing the utmost harm. The road to hell is well known to be paved with good intentions.

The public has been filled with righteous indignation by the shocking story of the kidnapping of little Willie Whittle. Sympathy with the mental tortures which the father and mother have undergone vies with burning hatred for the cruel and cowardly criminals who would deliberately play upon the tenderest and most sacred feelings of humanity for the sake of pecuniary gain.

Both these sentiments we may share to the full. Neither murder, unless accompanied by the most exceptional circumstances of premeditated cruelty, nor even the brutal assaults upon women which are held in the South to justify the most barbarous and unlawful reprisal, seems to us quite so far beyond the pale of forgiveness as does the kidnapping of children for gain.

If the purpose of penal law were merely to make the criminal suffer in proportion to the enormity of his crime, and if the death penalty is to be retained at all, it would be hard to make any good argument against inflicting capital punishment for this offense.

But the world has got beyond the stage where punishment as inflicted by law is or can or ought to be administered on the principle of revenge—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a life for a life—so much pain meted out to balance so much guilt.

A civilized society can have but two ends in view in the framing and execution of its penal laws. One of these ends, and the more important one, is the prevention of crime. The other, whose importance is not to be underestimated, is the reformation of the criminal.

In considering the punishment of such a crime as the deliberate abduction of children for ransom, we may practically leave the second object out of account. The chief question at issue is: Would such kidnapping be rendered less frequent by the enactment of a law threatening kidnapers with death?

The whole experience of the civilized world during the last century justifies us in answering that it would not; that, on the contrary, it would probably have the opposite effect, if it had any effect at all.

In England a hundred years ago, there were more than one hundred offenses for which the law prescribed the penalty of death. Early in the nineteenth century the English penal laws were thoroughly revised, imprisonment for life or for a term of years being substituted for capital punishment for every offense except murder in the first degree and treason.

The reactionaries and the sentimentalists predicted that the result of this reform would be to bring on a saturnalia of crime. The event proved just the opposite. Every sort of crime, and especially the more heinous sorts, became less frequent after the amelioration of the penal laws.

The experience of other countries has yielded similar results. It is no longer a matter of conjecture. It is an established fact that crime is not prevented by the enactment of draconic penal laws, but rather that savage penal laws tend to promote savage and subtle crime and to make its detection and punishment more difficult, while milder penal laws tend to reduce the amount and the heinousness of crime and to promote the detection and punishment of such crimes as are perpetrated.

We may threaten kidnapers with death. But we should not expect that they will be deterred from kidnapping by fear of that penalty any more than they would by fear of long imprisonment; for deliberate criminals almost always base their calculations on the supposition that they are going to escape detection. The first effect of the threat will be to make them more desperate after the crime has been committed and when the net begins to close around them, and to prompt them to add murder to kidnapping in the hope of foiling their pursuers, since a live child is difficult to handle and a dead one can tell no tales, and since the penalty for murder will be no heavier than for child-stealing. That is one reason against the proposed law.

But there are others. There is the well known fact that juries are nowadays loath to convict on a capital offense. Just at this moment, public indignation is hot against the kidnapers of Willie Whittle. Within the first week or two, it would be easy to find a jury of twelve excited men who would be willing to hang anyone accused of the deed, even though the evidence were anything but conclusive. But wait a few weeks—as it is necessary to wait, in order to avoid the chance of convicting the wrong person; wait till the excitement has cooled down and sober reason and normal feeling have reasserted themselves; then, no matter how clear the case against the accused, it would be much harder to get a verdict of "Guilty" if the jurors knew that verdict meant death than if they knew it meant imprisonment, with the possibility of righting or partly righting any mistake that they might perhaps be making. The more severe the penalty, the less is the probability of conviction on reasonably sound evidence; in other words, the more savage the law, the less the likelihood of crime being punished.

And there is yet another reason against the extension of the death penalty—a reason, indeed, in favor of its abolition even as a punishment for murder. That reason is in the psychological effect of the law's tone upon the public mind, and especially upon the minds of those most likely to become criminals. The state, by its acts and by its threats of action, sets a standard which influences the feelings



JESTER JOE—“WHY IS A DEMOCRAT?”

“WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.”

By C. W. Ervin.

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands—one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all." As I heard the childlike treble of the class join in this pledge during our flag drill, I thought my heart would have stopped beating with indignation. And yet over all the land, millions of children were repeating the same pledge at the same moment.

and producers held in subjection by a minority of idlers and wasters! "With liberty and justice for all"—and an economic system which creates "a Paradise for the Rich out of the Hell of the Poor."

and the conduct of individuals. The more frequently the state kills people—even the more frequently it threatens to kill them—the less precious do human life and human feelings become in the people's minds. If the gallows and the electric chair sometimes terrify prospective criminals into abandoning their criminal designs, it is certain that they also sometimes incite thoughts of crime in minds that would not otherwise give way to temptation.

ANOTHER ARGUMENT.

The Herald and the Evening Telegram may not be more unscrupulous than several other New York dailies; perhaps what makes them especially contemptible is that their conscienceless subservience to the interests of capitalism and reaction and their conscienceless vilification of the labor movement appear more flagrant because they are not accompanied by any of that brilliant ability which somewhat overshadows the offense in the case of some other papers, both yellow and lily white.

The latest outrage committed by the Bennett evening sheet is the publication under glaring headlines on its front page of an utterly false and baseless report that one of the lockout bosses in the hat trade had received anonymous letters threatening him with death unless he conceded the union's demands.

The story was too ridiculous, the work of the Telegram was too coarse, even for the lockout bosses themselves, and the manufacturer named promptly declared that there was no truth in the report and no ground for its publication.

Yet, the Telegram canard has gone out and been read by some thousands of persons, most of whom may never read the denial. It has done its evil work in prejudicing thousands of readers, making them think that the union haters are a band of cutthroats—and that is all that the owners or backers of the "pink 'un" wants.

The incident furnishes yet another argument for the workingmen and their friends in favor of building up the circulation of The Evening Call, whose truthful reports on labor matters serve to counteract the venom instilled into the public mind by such publications as the Telegram.

"Stripes for Men Is the Dictum of Fashion," says a modes editor. But not for Standard Oil men, we would amend.

OTHERS HAD TRIED IT.

The police court magistrate of a town in southern Kentucky was walking down the street one November evening with his friend, John Markham, a distiller.

BUSINESS ABILITY.

Mexico is a hell hole of peonage oppression, murder and death. The Mexican Light, Heat and Power Company, with headquarters in Montreal, points with pride to the big dividends their company draws from Mexico.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A. A. Stamoull.—We do not see much sense in the making up lists of the "hundred best books." Books are of so many kinds, dealing with so many different subjects and in so many different ways, and serving so many different purposes, that any such selection of a hundred or fifty or any other number of books as being "the best" must necessarily be arbitrary and unsatisfactory.

L. J. S.—Professor Guthrie was in error if he said, in his debate with Mr. Carey, that Jean Jaures had been excluded from the last two international Socialist congresses. In fact, M. Jaures has never been excluded from any international congress of the Socialist movement.

THEIR RULING PASSION.

If John D.'s generosity should make him feel inclined to give the Plebs a gallery for paintings, we would find by way of stipulation he'd be very apt to say: "All paintings there must be of oil from 24 Broadway."

And Andrew C. should give something with similar intent. Which, for a home for modern art, No doubt with thoughts of "Auld Lang Syne" he naturally would feel.

That all the steel engravings should be made from "U. S. Steel," —Lippincott's.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A ONE-SIDED EQUALITY.

Editor of The Call: I notice in your paper of to-day, that Mrs. Farmer must die in the electric chair. Also, that Governor Hughes' has said, regarding murder cases: "There should be no distinction; either sex should suffer the death penalty alike." Since women must suffer for the crimes they commit the same as the men do, why not give them the right to vote? If she is on equal grounds in criminal cases, why not in politics? MRS. H. GREEN. Newark, N. J., March 23.

THAT SOCIALIST THEATER.

Editor of The Call: Referring to the article appearing in Tuesday's issue relating to the meeting of the Socialist Dramatic Movement, I beg to inform you that the organization does not contemplate erecting a theater. We have no money for it. The news item seems to have grown out of an announcement made by me to the effect that the usefulness of our movement will be fully shown next year when we can assist an enterprise toward the establishment of a theater for the production of modern, sociological, literary and classical dramas, a theater which is to be erected for that purpose next year. It is very important that the misstatement be corrected. JULIUS HOPP.

TWOULD SERVE US RIGHT.

Editor of The Call: I have been watching with some impatience the record of The Call Library Contest. Until lately it looked as if most of the readers of The Call were not paying much attention to the opportunity to get a library or a banner for their favorite organization and at the same time to get a circulation of their favorite daily paper. Now I observe that some capitalist politicians have come into the game, with the evident intention of playing a good joke on the Socialists by capturing a prize for a Republican club. It will be the fault of the Socialists themselves if they succeed. It will serve us right. For my own part, I have been quietly "plugging away" for my organization at the rate of one or two coupons a day. But now I am going to really "go busy." From now on till the end of the Fair it will not be one or two, but five or ten copies of The Call that I shall send every day, copying the coupons and then giving the papers to neighbors and shopmates who need the light if bears. And I hope a few hundred comrades will join in such a systematic and steady effort to push at least a dozen party branches or bona fide labor organizations ahead of this Republican club and keep them there to the finish. HARLEMITTE.

ILLINOIS MINERS AWAKING.

Editor of The Call: I have been speaking in the mining towns of Southern Illinois, and have had excellent meetings. There is a marked awakening among the miners since the national convention. At a number of places injunctions forbade them to discuss the Zeigler strike, and they are very bitter. Colorado bull pens and Alabama persecutions, the unemployment trouble, and the progressive stand of the last convention of the United Mine Workers have all combined to stir them up. In places where a few years ago political discussions were prohibited in the unions, it is now the custom to give full swing to the Socialist speakers in the towns. The officers of the state and sub-district organizations are many of them Socialists, and these men are in constant demand for addresses on the question. The light is breaking at last, and the miners are predicting the election of Socialist town officials in a number of towns at the April elections. Capitalist politicians, recognizing this change, have in several instances attempted to make deals with the Socialists, but the comrades have rejected all such offers. On the whole, the situation looks very bright. JAMES ONEAL. Sandoval, Ill., March 20.

APPEALS TO READERS.

The editor of The Call wishes to get one copy each of the first, second and third editions of Alpernon Lee's "Labor Politics and Socialist Politics," now out of print. Any reader having either or all of these to spare will confer a favor by so informing the editor by postal card. The Call has many requests to help in getting employment for men thrown out of work by the crisis. Any reader knowing of opportunities should communicate with the editor.

EXTREMES MEET.

"Extremes meet," said a plutocratic Republican, in allusion to the entrance of a Democrat or two in President Taft's Cabinet. "And so they do when a dog puts his tail in his mouth, and the response of a democratic Democrat; but both extremes belong to the same dog."—The Public.

MOSQUITO BITES.

By PETER E. BURROWES.

I love this little American eagle for its capitalistic and Rooseveltian qualities. Like its like, it lingers loudly and longingly (pardon the melody of my nature) over its adopted favorite and proteges, the people of America. Like him, it buzzes its pre-prandial melodies. And alas! for him, falls off and out without tasting the royal meal it sang for; falls off, a little limp mumble into the fingers of its intended dinner, who now almost vainly tries even to see it, wondering whence issued that presidential bluster now en route to Hunderland.

It is instructive to me to study the importance given to the queen bee and the king mosquito by the make-up of those about him. Where did the little lionized infection get its sting? From the thin-skinned first; then in Manberry street, and then in Washington, and then in the smoke of Havana cigars, out of which alone the school books of the future must educe the myth of coming Theodore.

The pen of the Socialist is the pen of the working class, and that is the class whose fire he now seeks to direct upon himself. The attack of Socialism will be Roosevelt's best asset when he returns with his lion skin and tries getting into it with his ears. Who should the holy "Sidelook" say anything about the lepers of high society in the land of Puritanism when it was not a righteousness to live with, but one to bite with, that kept Teddy the seven hysterical years Chief Mosquito of the United States.

On account of alleged low water of the Jersey state treasury there are funds available for further stamping out (or oiling out) our native mosquito of the marshes. He really this is the way it was. It came to the ears of the Governor that Jerseyites were losing their incomes versus mosquito since the state took the war in hand. Against this installment of Socialism the loyal elements are protesting. Not a mosquito will be brushed from a Jersey nose last summer; whereas the alarming increase of proboecia rubicund which he threatened us with petticoat protection of liquor to the limits of Sahagun Amen.

I heard a shoemaker named Caspary tacking a college professor named Guthrie last Sunday. I paid quarter, but I want that quarter back. It was at the Berkeley Theater. I sat near to the city's seat of culture, refinement and effusion. Fifty a row. But it was a case of red raw vivification done by a cobbler's relentless knife dancing up the backbone of swiftness around the vermillion of jiggling over the plexus of and hurtling a highly strung, sensitive young man that any mother would be proud of. I want that quarter back.

That Call office! It is very little use of a fellow trying to be calm there. It is something most fearfully and most hopefully potential. Being from a Jersey farm, I object to it because it seems to be in an unnecessary hurry. So many desks, so many women, men and boys, and not a good chin whisker among the lot. If I got a job there, the ink or the pen or my elbow would be on it all day. The girls would agitate me, the boys would irritate me, the men would subjugate me. I would hobble out, nevertheless, with a glad heart saying: "Jimmy crackers! What an inspiration that place is for Socialism!" Money was coming in like apples to a cider press. Oh, that I were in that generation that is to get the juice!

There is an instructive lesson to be had outside of what Roosevelt writes on Socialism. We ought all of us to reserve for very busy men and men in high places, at least, our sympathetic tears. To think of a man like the late President—who has said, or has been said to have said, so many strong things—in his new capacity of goldpenny-a-finer writing like Grandma on Socialism! Can this be Caspary intellectually so down and out and out there gets his first check from "The Sidelook?" If so, what a squint will be there, my masters, when he gets his last. Come back, O Teddy, come; and don't run away like this from your reputation among foreigners, even if you don't mind us.

People will learn after a few more Carmacks are shot by a few more rich American gentlemen what is the market price of murder. The process by which a figure is given for the ball of Carmack's slayers must have a principle of estimation. I am afraid the time is near when it won't cost much to kill me. How much for you?

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