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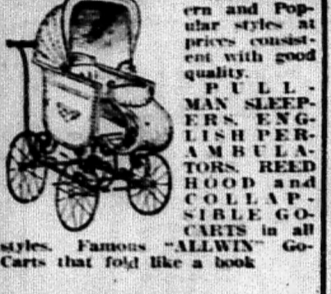
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LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alexander Irvine will preach on 'The Career and the Living' in the Church of the Ascension, Fifth Avenue and 10th Street at 3 P. M. tomorrow.

Alfred W. Martin, associate leader of the Society for Ethical Culture will lecture on 'The New Social Ideal' at the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, Lenox Avenue and 121st Street, tomorrow night.

Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer will talk on 'The New Morality of Health' in Cooper Union, to-morrow evening, under the auspices of the People's Institute.

The Co-operative League will meet at 25 St. Marks Place, at 5 P. M., to-morrow, and eight officers. Women are especially invited to attend.

Dr. Abraham Levine will lecture on 'The Origin of Christianity,' before the Engels Club, at 25 St. Marks Place, to-morrow night.

'The Man Who Shot Himself to Shame a Nation' will be the topic on which Henry Frank, of the Independent Liberal Congregation, will speak to-morrow morning in Berkeley Theater, 19 West 44th Street, at 11 o'clock.

Katherine Kennedy, whom Henry Frank has pronounced one of the foremost women orators, will speak of 'Revolution,' at the People's Forum, Hart's Hall, Gates Avenue, near Broadway, Brooklyn, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The fourth general meeting of the season 1932-3 will be held at Kall's Restaurant, 16 Park Place, New York City, on the evening of Monday, April 5.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, will address the New York branch of the Associated Clubs of Domestic Science.

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MEN REJECT WAGE CUT. READING, Pa., April 2.—The rollers employed in the wire mill of the Carpenter Steel Works met yesterday and rejected a 10 per cent. cut in wages.

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CHICAGO, April 2.—The strike of the wholesale grocery clerks and freight handlers grew more acute yesterday. Nearly 1,400 additional men refused to go to work.

SHOOTS HIS FOREMAN. Laborer on Bronx Valley, Sewer Caught After Long Chase.

YONKERS, April 2.—John Daly, foreman on the Bronx Valley sewer, was shot and perhaps mortally wounded yesterday by Frank Carica, a Sicilian, of 11 Cherry Street, New York.

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McPARTLAND VS. THE CARPENTERS

Statements of West Side Department Store Man Contradicted by Unionists.

Three thousand copies of The Evening Call of last Saturday, which contained an article about the conflict between organized labor and the McPartland & O'Flaherty department store, were distributed by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters in the neighborhood of McPartland & O'Flaherty's store at 43d street and Eighth avenue.

Mr. Stephen McPartland is indignant about the interview with him, and claims that his remarks were not correctly reported, but a second statement by him, taken down stenographically by a reporter of The Call, does not contradict anything in the report of what he said in the first interview, although it does contradict the statements made by the union.

Mr. McPartland's statement is as follows: "I told the reporter from The Call that we had placed our contract with Nelson & Co., a business agent of Local 32, of the International Brotherhood. The Nelson company's name appeared in the fair list, dated June, which he gave me. The contract was placed some time in November."

"I also told the Nelson Company that we had helped them in every way that we possibly could and that was why we inserted a clause in the contract to the effect that every fixture should have a union label. When we found out that this Brooklyn would not accept the bond of the Nelson Company, but would take \$1,000 in cash and give them no security whatever, I told Nelson to go ahead and we would try and fix it up as best we could. The report that a man was arrested in charge brought by the older Mr. McPartland is absolutely false. Mr. McPartland appeared in court and stated that he had no complaint against the man."

"It was not more than a week before the fixtures were to be delivered in the store that we knew that Nelson had had trouble with the union. It was then too late to rescind the order, as we would be liable to them for the work done."

"I understood from Nelson that an offer to deposit \$1,000 cash security in any bank provided that the money could only be drawn upon by joint signature was made to the union. The union official said that unless it was deposited by 12 o'clock the same day, the men would be taken off the job. Nelson made his offer on Saturday morning, but refused to comply with the union's demand of cash security unless the money was to be drawn upon by joint signature. At 12 o'clock that day the men were taken off the job."

In reply to this statement, Joseph Crimmins, business agent of the Carpenters' union, said to a Call reporter: "The fair list which was given to Mr. McPartland is issued monthly as an arbitration contract called for the union label and therefore everything would be all right. It is not true that Nelson offered to deposit \$1,000 security which could only be drawn by joint signature."

Business Agent Lawrence Story corroborated his fellow unionist's statement and added: "The older Mr. McPartland did cause the arrest of our member, John Cowen, of Local 340, and appeared in court and testified against him, although he posed as patronizingly merciful enough not to insist on his being sent to prison. I was there and heard Mr. McPartland testify, and I know. When the fixtures were arriving at the new store, about a week before they were put up, I pointed out to Mr. McPartland that they did not bear the union label, but he said that he had repeatedly long before that this would be so. He then said he would have the union label put on after the fixtures were put in, but I told him that this would be unlawful, and we would cause his arrest if such a thing were done."

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AN EDUCATIONAL LECTURE.

Timothy Walsh, who will lecture on "Wall Street and Socialism" for the Harlem Division of the Socialist Party, at 25 West 124th street, to-morrow evening, is well equipped to tell truths regarding America's financial center and the parts the so-called "captains of industry" play in the enslavement of the workers. Consequently, as Mr. Walsh is in the "one who knows" class his lecture will be of an educational nature and of more than passing interest.

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CONFERENCE TO-NIGHT

Young Socialists Meet in Terrace Lecture to Form Federation.

All preparations have been completed for the general conference of all the young Socialist organizations of Greater New York and vicinity called for 6 o'clock to-night in Terrace Lyceum, 206 East Broadway, on the initiative of the Young Friends Socialist Literary Circle of 168 1-2 Delancy street, and it is certain that the basis of a powerful federation of all the young Socialist societies of America will be formed.

Realizing the importance of this undertaking the executive committee of Local No. 10 of the Socialist party has authorized its educational committee to be present at this conference to assist the youthful revolutionists in arranging the details of their prospective federation and to make such suggestions for their guidance as may seem necessary. Delegates from nearly a score of clubs will be present and speeches will be delivered by a number of well known Socialists.

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 1st of May celebration.

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TO HOLD GRAND BALL.

Italian Socialists of the 10th A. D. Will Make Merry.

The preparations being made for the grand ball to be given by the Italian branch of the 10th A. D. of the Socialist party on Saturday evening, April 10, in the Italian hall, 18th street and Third avenue, indicate that the affair will be a big success in every way. The music will be furnished by Prof. Ernesto A. Muratori.

UTAH SOCIALISTS MEET.

State Convention Opens in Salt Lake City To-morrow.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 3.—The annual convention of the Socialist party of Utah will open here in Downing Hall, at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Scores of delegates from every part of the state will be in attendance and the important matters under consideration make the event one that will have great influence in determining the course of the Socialist movement in this state during the next year.

AFTERNOON LECTURES CUT OUT.

Owing to the fact that the fine spring weather is making it increasingly difficult to induce the residents of the Bronx to remain indoors on Sunday afternoon, the lecture committee of the Bronx Branch of the Socialist Party has discontinued its Sunday lectures in Masonic Hall. The evening lectures will be kept up, however, in the Metropolitan Theater, and Miss Inez Schabow will appear there to-morrow on "The Rights of the Baby."

MAZZELLA CONVALESCENT.

The many friends of Publio Mazzella, the well known secretary of the Italian branch of the 10th A. D. of the Socialist party, are pleased to know that he is now convalescent after having recovered from an illness that lasted a month. His physician says, however, that it will be at least two months before Mr. Mazzella can resume his activities as a speaker and propagandist. In the meantime he will probably pay a visit to his native land.

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Stageland

The last performances of Mr. Mantell at the New Amsterdam Theater will be ushered in Monday night. The response from all classes of theatergoers to these Shakespearean revivals is a noteworthy happening in the theatrical calendar. The repertoire for the last performances are Monday, "King Lear," Tuesday, "Richard III," Wednesday matinee, "Othello," Wednesday night, "Richard III," Thursday, "Hamlet," Friday, "Macbeth," Saturday matinee, "King Lear," and Saturday night, "The Merchant of Venice."

The American rights of "Le Scandale," the new play by Henry Batallie, produced at the Renaissance Theater, in Paris, Tuesday night, were secured to-day by Charles Frohman, and the piece will be produced by him in New York as soon as possible. "Le Scandale" created a sensation among the Parisians, and the critics of the leading French papers pronounce it one of the greatest works of the age. There was keen competition for the American and English rights, and Mr. Frohman is elated at his success in obtaining both.

The presentation of Scribe's "Frauenschmupp," and Paul Heyse's "Ehrenschuldner," in the German Theater, Madison avenue and 59th street, at 2:15 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, under the auspices of the Freie Volkshuehne, promises to be a worthy termination of the very successful season enjoyed by the organization of lovers of good drama. The best talent of the German Theater will take part in the performances.

It is reported that E. H. Sothern and Miss Julia Marlowe have decided to resume their partnership, which was broken at the end of the season in 1907.

Liebler & Co. will produce next season a play by Henry Blossom, entitled "Miss Philura." It is a four-act comedy of modern life, dealing with Christian Science.

It was reported yesterday that Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" would be the opening production at the New Theater, and that E. H. Sothern would play the title role.

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ANOTHER SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Flatbush Socialists Educate Children for the Social Revolution.

The Flatbush Socialist Sunday school held its first session last Sunday with bright prospects of success. All Socialists and sympathizers wishing to aid in its successful future should be in attendance at the opening session on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at 1139 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn. Mrs. Bertha M. Fraser has volunteered to take charge of the older children temporarily, and Miss Mary E. Riley the younger children.

AT THE PARKSIDE CHURCH.

At the Parkside Church, Lenox road near Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, John D. Long, D. D., will preach to-morrow morning on "The Regeneration." Following the close of the sermon at 12 a forum will be held for the free discussion of the subject. In the evening the address at the Parkside Church will be made by the Hon. Bartley J. Wright, who will treat on "The Gompers' Injunction Proceedings." Mr. Wright will be remembered as the introducer of the first direct nominations bill. This he offered in the Assembly at Albany in 1898.

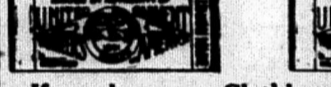
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LOUISVILLE GIVES GIANTS HARD GAME

LOUISVILLE, April 3.—The Colonels gave the Giants a run for their money yesterday. Their early innings of three runs forced Mathewson to cut loose for the first time this season and do into the minor leaguers who would undo the Cubs. The final score was: New York, 5; Louisville, 3.

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PHILADELPHIA OPEN BASEBALL SEASON.

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—Score a success for the opening of the baseball season in this city yesterday. Billy Murray's Phillies played Connie Mack's Athletics and the American League drew the short end of the score of 2 runs to 1.

With one exception Murray's men lined up as they did last season when they put three awful cramps in the pennant aspirations of the Giants. George McQuillen pitched for the Phillies and Big Mac has seldom twisted a better game even when his joints had been limbered up by the summer sunshine.

BROOKLYN TRIMS THE BARONS.

BIRMINGHAM, April 2.—With the exception of the sixth inning, when Doc Scanlon succeeded Pastorius on the mound, the Barons could do nothing against the Superbas here to-day. Score: Brooklyn 13, Birmingham 4.

LONGBOAT FAVORITE FOR TO-DAY'S RACE

The greatest Marathon race ever attempted in this country will be run this afternoon at the Polo Grounds. Six runners, the champions of their respective countries, will meet in the \$10,000 Marathon Derby at the Polo Grounds. "Big Tim" Sullivan will send the men on their run of twenty-six miles and 385 yards at 3 o'clock.

Tom Longboat, the Onondaga Indian, rules favorite in the betting at 2 to 1. Dorando, the Italian, is next choice at 11 to 5. Shrubbs' friends are banking heavily on his chances to go the full distance, the odds against him being 3 to 1. Matt Moloney, the young Irishman, and Henri St. Yves the Frenchman, are 5 to 1 in the betting. Johnny Hayes, the American lad, is the outsider at 6 to 1.

BIG FELLOWS TO BOX.

Nearly a quarter of a ton of dusky boxers will meet in the final bout at the stage of the Long Acre A. C. to-night. Battling Jack Johnson, the big smoke, who tips the beam at 210 pounds with his trunks on, will clash with Chicago Kid Carter, who will pack 200 pounds of bone and muscle in the ring.

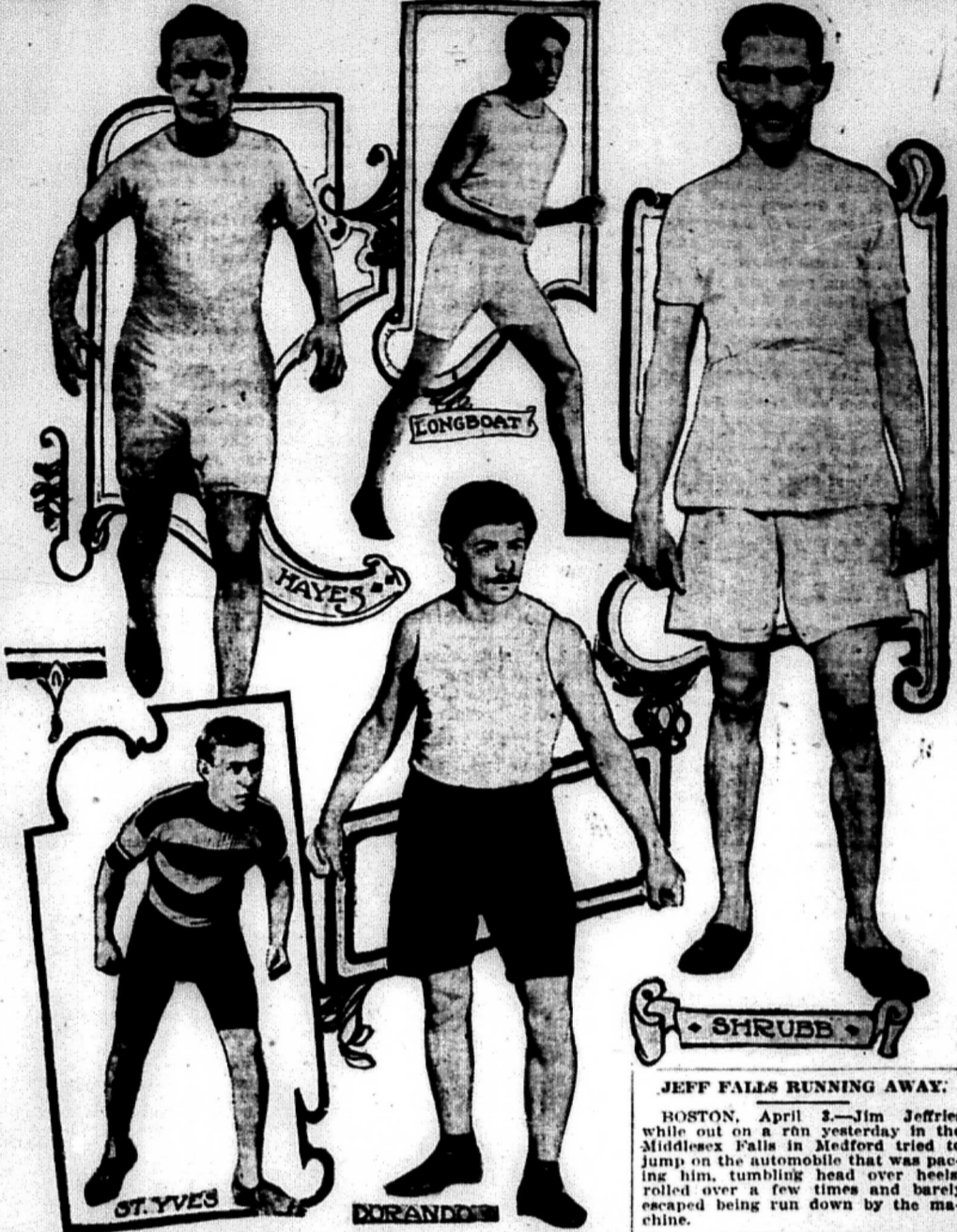
Young Alberts, the Jerseyman, and Young Faust, the local bantam, will meet in the semi-final of six rounds, and there will be several preliminaries. Manager Billy Newman has arranged for a record crowd of members.

IRISH COUNTIES GAMES.

The Irish Counties Athletic Union will hold its first outdoor meeting tomorrow at Ulmer Park. Every Sunday thereafter there will be something doing in the way of outdoor sports.

There will be another football game between the counties of Meath and Armagh. The chief interest in this latter game centers upon the fact that the five McKenna brothers will be on the Meath team.

COMPETITORS IN MARATHON AT POLO GROUNDS



JEFF FALLS RUNNING AWAY.

BOSTON, April 3.—Jim Jeffries while out on a run yesterday in the Middlesex Falls in Medford tried to jump on the automobile that was pacing him, tumbling head over heels, rolled over a few times and barely escaped being run down by the machine.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO MORNINGSTAR

Ora Morningstar, the local billiardist, won first prize and the world's championship at 18.2 balkline in the tournament at Madison Square Garden Concert Hall which ended last night. He defeated Student George Slouson 500 to 214 points.

Slouson was evidently in poor form, owing to his hard contests of the two previous nights. The veteran's stroke was unsteady, and he could not gather himself together for his customary long run.

The most tedious game of the tournament was that between Albert Cutler and Calvin Demarest, played yesterday afternoon. It lasted forty-seven innings and resulted in a victory for Cutler by 300 to 275 points.

PORTER WILL JUMP AT NORTHWESTERN'S MEET

Harry F. Porter, the lanky high jumper of the Irish-American Athletic Club and the holder of most of the championships in various countries, is the latest nominee in the big games of the Northwestern Athletic Club, which are to be held in conjunction with the Bronx Marathon race on the afternoon of Saturday, May 1.

ACTORS TO PLAY CRICKET.

As H. B. Warner, Wilton Lackaye's young English leading man, in "The Battle," is the only member of his company who plays cricket, he has gone to the two other Liebler & Co. attractions in the city, "The Man from Home" and "The Dawn of a To-Morrow" for recruits for a cricket team he is forming.

COLMA ATHLETIC CLUB RAIDED BY COPS.

The boxing bouts at the Colma Athletic Club in Harlem were raided last night by the police of Inspector Thompson's staff. Four arrests were made and the members of the club shoved into the street.

HEAVYWEIGHTS MATCHED.

Andy Walsh and Sammy Campbell, two heavies, will meet in a ten-round battle at the Bedford Athletic Club, Wyckoff avenue and Halsey street, Brooklyn, on next Tuesday night.

HIGHLANDERS BURY MACON 15 TO 1

MACON, Ga., April 3.—The Highlanders celebrated their final exhibition game here by giving the fans their slugging ability by beating Macon 15 to 1. The New Yorkers have been hitting the ball in masterly style of late and there was no let up in their work.

Walter Blair has a triple and a home run. Cree had the other three-base wallop, while Engle also slammed one over the right field fence for the entire circuit. Engle also had two singles.

Hal Chase, the Yankee first sacker, is ill with an attack of stomach trouble, but the illness is nothing serious. The great first sacker will likely be up and around ready to leave with the team Sunday morning, when the Highlanders say farewell to Macon.

LEWIS STOPS SYNOTT.

BRUSSELS, April 3.—Willie Lewis, of America, battered Herbert Synott, heavy-weight champion of Australia, into helplessness in seven rounds here last night. Synott was staggering helplessly about in the ring when his seconds threw up the sponge to save their man from needless gruelings.

Meet Me at The Call Fair.

PRINCETON PLAYS TO-DAY.

Princeton plays her important game of the season with Fordham to-day and in all probability will find her a bitter pill, for Fordham has practically the same varsity team as last year, which beat everyone in the East. Egan and Mahoney, their star pitchers, have already shown their form this week by letting down Bowdoin to a defeat, 6 to 0, not allowing a single hit and retiring twenty-one men on strikes.

Dr. E. S. Horwitz, DENTIST, 1420 FIFTH AVE., Cor. 118th St.

Meet Us at the Wilshire Booth

The famous Wilshire Girls have all volunteered to assist at The Call Fair, beginning this evening. On various occasions they have entertained some of the most prominent Socialists in America, including Eugene V. Debs and the entire crew of the Red Special. Every one testifies that they're mighty good entertainers, too. These girls have been the means of bringing thousands of Socialists into our ranks. Selling Socialist literature is their business, and they know their business. Can they sell you?

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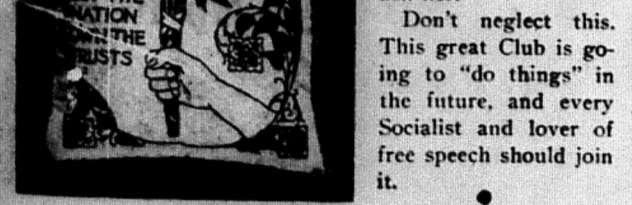
This month a year ago occurred the tragic incident that gave Inspector Schmittberger the opportunity to make himself famous. To him we are indebted for that immortal phrase, "The Club is Mightier Than the Constitution."

What more fitting than to organize a Free Speech Club and name it after the Inspector? Surely his arrogant boast has done more to further the cause of free speech than he ever calculated upon. A time will assuredly come when the Club will not be mightier than the Constitution.

As that time is not yet here, it is fitting to commemorate the temporary rule of the Club, by forming an organization for that purpose and ever-growing club. Already its members number thousands, and before another year has passed many thousands more will be carrying the emblem, appropriately a policeman's club. The motto of the club is Schmittberger's famous phrase: "The Club is Mightier Than the Constitution."

You will surely want to join and help along this grand movement. The initiation fee is small, the emblem cheap, and the value of the membership great. Be sure to hand in your name and application at the Wilshire Booth. The Wilshire Girl there will give you full information if you ask her.

Don't neglect this. This great Club is going to "do things" in the future, and every Socialist and lover of free speech should join it.



See Our Beautiful Pillow Tops.

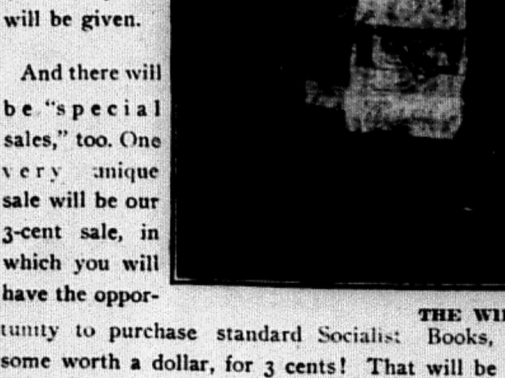
DOINGS AT THE BOOTH.

The Wilshire Booth will not be all fun making. There will be a great deal of food for thought displayed upon our counters. Every Socialist will want to glance over the latest books on Socialism, and will want to take home some literature for future use.

There will be some fun and lots of seriousness. We will have a lot of prizes for free distribution and contests of various sorts. One is a Socialist Puzzle for the best answer to which \$100 in prizes will be given.

And there will be "special sales," too. One very unique sale will be our 3-cent sale, in which you will have the opportunity to purchase standard Socialist Books, some worth a dollar, for 3 cents! That will be a sale, won't it?

Another plan is to give a 25-cent photograph of Debs free with each purchase. And we will have speeches by Debs and Wanhope, too! You mustn't miss Debs night. Oh! We'll have lots of fine things doing that should make the Wilshire Booth the centre of attraction. Watch our Bulletin Board each night for special announcements. To every purchaser of books to the amount of 10 cents or more on the opening night we will present one copy of our famous publication, "The Pinkerton Labor Spy," valued at 25c. a copy. Think of it—a 25c. book to every purchaser.



THE WILSHIRE GIRLS.

Within the past three years the Wilshire Book Company has placed before the public several books and pamphlets which have attained an unprecedented circulation in Socialist propaganda. Two years ago when Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone were fighting for their lives in the Idaho law courts, the company threw a bombshell into the prosecution in the form of the well known exposure of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, entitled "The Pinkerton Labor Spy."

The defense considered this volume of such importance that they placed the author, Morris Friedman, on the witness stand, where his evidence helped materially in smashing the conspiracy. Wilshire's had done the right thing at the right time, and the sales of the book, despite the frantic opposition of the Pinkertons and the various agencies, have been phenomenal, over seventy-five thousand copies being sold up to date.

Another successful strike in the publishing business has just been scored in the appearance of Comrade Ben Hanford's powerful work, "Fight for Your Life." Hanford needs no introduction to New York Socialists, they have appreciated his work for years. The present volume represents the high water mark of Hanford's splendid ability and indomitable courage. It has already reached a circulation of over five million copies since its first appearance, while his "Significance of the Trust" follows with a circulation but little smaller.

The leaflet, "A Tip to the Jobless Man," by our associate editor, Joe Wanhope, which was first published a little over twelve months ago, has already passed the million mark, and is still in demand as it is considered one of the most effective propaganda pieces ever written on the question of unemployment. "Tollers and Idlers," a novel written by Comrade John R. McMahon, who represented Wilshire's Magazine at the famous Moyer-Haywood trial, and "We'll Win" a beautiful piece of literary work by Captain W. P. French, U. S. A., are also among the Wilshire publications that deserve special mention.

Gaylor Wilshire's "Socialism Inevitable," a collection of the best editorial work which has appeared in the Magazine since its establishment, is a work which has enjoyed a splendid sale, and which has been highly praised by many of the prominent Socialists both of America and Europe. All these works with hundreds of others will be on sale at the Wilshire Booth by the Wilshire Book Company, the great "Clearing house for all Socialist literature."

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HISTORY OF THE GREAT AMERICAN FORTUNES

BY GUSTAVUS MYERS. Author of "The History of Tammany Hall," "History of Public Franchises in New York City," Etc.

PART II.

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(Continued from last week.) CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

THE RISE OF THE GOULD FORTUNES.

From these "upper classes" proceeded the dictation of laws; and the laws showed, as they do now, what the real, unvarnished attitude of these fine, exhorting moralists was toward the poor. Poverty was virtually prescribed as a crime. The impoverished were regarded in law as paupers, and to repudiate a term of odium was that of pauper, so humiliating its significance and treatment, that great numbers of the destitute preferred to suffer and die in want and silence rather than avail themselves of the scanty and mortifying public aid which could be obtained only by acknowledging themselves paupers.

Sickness, disability, old age, and even normal life, in poverty were a terrifying prospect. The only sure way of escaping it was to get and hold onto wealth. The only guarantee of security was wealth, provided its possessor could keep it intact against the maraudings of his own class. Every influence conspired to drive men into making desperate attempts to break away from the stigma and thrall of poverty and gain economic independence and social prestige by the ownership of wealth.

But how was this wealth to be obtained? Here another set of influences, combined with the first set to suppress or shatter whatever doubts, reluctance or scruples the aspirant might have. The acquisitive young men soon saw that toiling for the profit of others brought nothing but poverty to himself; perhaps at the most, some small savings which were constantly endangered. To get wealth he must not only exploit his fellow man, he found, but he must not be squeamish in his methods. This lesson was powerfully and energetically taught on every hand by the whole capitalist class.

Conventional writers have decanted with a show of great indignation upon Gould's bribing of legislative bodies and upon his cheating and swindlings. Without getting again into the corruption, reaching far back into the centuries, existing before his time, we shall simply describe some of the conditions that as a young man he witnessed or which were prevalent synchronously with his youth.

II. Whatever sphere of business was investigated, there it was at once discovered that wealth was being amassed by not only fraudulent methods, but by methods which were often a positive peril to human life itself. Whether large or small trader, these methods were the same, varying only in degree.

All Business Reeked With Fraud.

A Congressional committee, probing in 1847-48 into frauds in the sale of drugs found that there was scarcely a wholesale or retail druggist who was not notoriously selling spurious drugs which were a menace to human life. Dr. M. J. Bailey, United States Examiner of Drugs at the New York Custom House, was one of the many expert witnesses who testified. "More than one-half of many of the most important chemical and medicinal preparations," Dr. Bailey stated, "together with large quantities of crude drugs, come to us so much adulterated as to render them not only worthless as a medicine, but often dangerous." These drugs were sold throughout the United States at high prices. (2) In fact many of our present multi-millionaire fortunes, originally made in the wholesale drug business, can be traced to these frauds.

The manufacture and sale of patent medicines were attended with the same frauds. At that time, to a much greater extent than now, the newspapers profited more (comparatively) from the publication of patent medicine advertisements; and even after a Congressional committee had fully investigated and exposed the nature of these nostrums, the newspapers continued publishing the alluring and fraudulent advertisements.

After showing at great length the deceptive and dangerous ingredients used in a large number of patent medicines being sold, the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives went on in its report of February 6, 1849: "The public prints, without exception, published these promises and commendations. The annual (advertising) fee for publishing Brandeth's pills has amounted to \$100,000. Morrison paid more than twice as much for the advertisement of his never-dying medicine." The committee described how Morrison's nostrums often contained powerful poisons, and then continued: "Morrison and Brandeth is on the high road to the fortune of the T. W. Conway, from the lowest obscurity, became worth millions from the sale of his nostrums, and rode in triumph through the streets of Boston in his coach and six. A stable boy in New York was enrolled among the wealthiest in Philadelphia by the sale of a panacea which contains both mercury and arsenic. Innumerable similar cases can be adduced." (3) Not a few multi-millionaire families of today derived their wealth from the enormous profits made by their fathers and grandfathers from the manufacture and the sale of these poisonous medicines.

Success As Gould Learned It.

The frauds among merchants and manufacturers reaching far more comprehensive and pernicious proportions, in periods of peace these fraudulent methods were nauseating enough, but in times of war they were inexorably repellent and ghastly. During the Mexican War the Northern shoe manufacturers dumped upon the army shoes which were of an inferior make that they could not be sold in the private market, and these shoes were to be so absolutely worthless that it is a record that the American army in Mexico threw them away upon the sands in disgust. But it was during the Civil War that Northern capitalists of every kind and from the national disasters and from the blood of the very armies which were fighting for their interests. In the chapters on the Vanderbilt fortune, it has been shown how Con-

500 KINDS OF PENS.

More than five hundred patents have been issued for the manufacture of pens, so it is not surprising that in a large establishment where stationery is sold there should be found scores of different varieties and sizes and so many shapes as to excite wonder as to what possible use they can all be applied.

So far as the size is concerned the smallest is the artist's pen, not so large as a crow quill, and the largest is a steel monster nearly an inch across and capable of holding half a teaspoonful of ink at a time. Then there are the draughting, ruling and shading pens, some of the last being so stubby as to rule a line over a quarter of an inch in width, while the shading pens, by dexterous use, can be made to draw a line of almost any desired thickness, and so are employed in ornamental lettering.

There are ruling pens with two or three points and of such sizes that the lines may be as close together or as wide apart as the writer may desire. These, of course, are for the use of accountants. But the cleverest pen of all is the music pen. It is not much used nowadays, for the ruled music paper both for orchestral and vocal scores is so convenient and cheap that comparatively few persons need a music pen. It is made of a strip of brass so folded together as to present five points, each representing a double fold of the strip, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The points are then slit, the edges filed down so that the points touch the paper equally, are slightly parted to allow the ink to flow, the pen is fitted into its wooden handle and is then ready for use.

Ruling five lines at once of uniform thickness and at equal distances, it is invaluable to the musician who happens to be short of music paper or in too great a hurry to go after a fresh supply, and its ingenuity and perfect adaptation to the purpose intended renders it a triumph of the penmaker's art.

Yet, strange to say, it was one of the earliest metal pens invented, for while musicians were still writing with old time quills they had steel or brass pens to rule their lines.

PLANTING TREES IS AN ART.

Tree planting revolutionists, says John A. Howland in the Workers' Magazine. It is an article of faith among fruit growers that a fruit tree must be planted in properly prepared soil, a large wide, shallow hole, the roots carefully spread out in all directions and arranged near the surface with a slight upward bearing at the ends.

Small quantities of the finer soil are first worked in among the roots, hollow places caused by archings in the stouter roots are filled up, the remainder of the soil is put in, trodden carefully down, and the whole left to the compacting influence of the rain. The tree is supported by stakes until it is firmly established.

But Spencer U. Pickering, with his recent researches, declares that proper three planting means a small hole, roots doubled up anyhow, the trees stuck in the soil thrown in and rammed down as for a gate post. With extensive experiments 59 per cent. show in favor of the new simple method, 27 show no difference, and 14 per cent. show against the new way. By whatever criterion the trees are gauged the new method is said to give better results than the orthodox. Although an antagonistic cry has been raised against the revolution theory, no practical man has been able to give any reason for carrying on the old method in him beyond the fact that it is sanctioned by established custom.

Examination proves that ramming has led to a copious development of fibrous roots. In planting the important thing is to induce fresh root formation, and ramming does this more rapidly than the old way.

THE MEANING OF "DRESDEN."

Dresden is essentially a city of pleasure—of fair, wide prospects, of hearty river life of zest in nature and art, says Robert Haven Schaufier in the April Century. Even the public buildings cluster about the Elbe, just as the huts of the first settlers clustered. A circle of Wendish herdsmen's huts on the right bank—a line of fisher shanties on the left—these were the unlikely beginnings of Dresden in the sixteenth century. But the scene lay at the only point in the river valley where a ford was practicable tempting the Germans to settle on the left bank, between the Wendes and the swamps of Sebnitz, unless places that have long since disappeared, leaving behind only the names Seestrasse, Am See and Seevorstadt. Indeed, the very name of Dresden is derived from the Slavic dreschan, which means "dwellers in the swamp-forest."

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CAPITALIST WIT AND WISDOM.

By C. W. ERVIN.

"I am sure that if the working class could compare conditions abroad with those here, there would not be the discontent and the outcry that is often directed against those who map out and conduct our industrial affairs."—James F. Sullivan, vice president of the Midvale Steel Works (open shop).

The inmates of Jimmy's Industrial Hell on the outskirts of the City of Brotherly Love will doubtless take much comfort from the fact that their master claims to have found worse industrial hells on the other side of the water. Jimmy's ideal for the "American workingman" is hell with mitigating circumstances—Carnegie libraries, for instance.

That clerical clapper of the capitalist alarm clock, Rev. Dr. Dova, has again gone off with an hysterical b-r-r-r b-r-r-r. In a recent sermon he demolished Socialism completely. He said: "Socialism concerns itself mostly with production." Now, we really did think Mr. Clergyman, that the Socialists were concerning themselves with the distribution of the already socialized production of commodities, and we had a faint suspicion that this concern on the part of the Socialists was the cause of the acute mental hysteria of the master class and its lackeys, clerical and otherwise (or rather other foolish).

The Iron Age, the organ of the

steel and iron industry, says: "Costs must come down. We cannot be as liberal and extravagant either in returns to capital or in rewards to labor as we have been." Fine piece of writing, that! Note the choice of words—"liberal," referring to capital; "extravagant" to labor. Be warned, you pompered iron and steel workers and prepare for the lean years. Your wives will have to be content with their last year's Paris gowns, and you may even be compelled to give up your automobiles. For, says this organ of your masters, "unless costs come down we cannot expect to hold our own as sellers of manufactured goods against others in the world's markets." In other words, your masters must have a market to dispose of the surplus value which YOU create and hand over to them.

We have always believed that Roosevelt had no sense of humor, and have pointed to the fact that he took himself seriously, as overwhelming proof of the correctness of our opinion. If we needed any more evidence, the Wordy One's reference to himself as a "wage slave" would suffice. He asserts that Socialists are apt to be skeptical. After reading his articles on Socialism we will never again be skeptical as to the miracle of Balaam and his ass. It is certainly less remarkable that a man should have talked like a man than that a man should be able to write so like an ass.

GERMAN IMPERIAL BUDGET.

Ambassador David Jayne Hill has forwarded from Berlin the official documents relating to the fiscal measures of Germany for this year, which are filed for public reference at the bureau of manufactures. The following figures or receipts and expenditures are noted:

The estimates carried by the German budget for 1909 show a total expenditure of \$25,027,287, of which \$51,340,959 is the permanent statutory appropriation and \$94,686,928 the annual appropriation. This is an increase of \$26,434,339 over the total appropriation for 1908. The estimated revenue for the year fully cover the expenditures.

The largest item of expense is for the imperial army—\$184,421,800. This is a decrease of \$5,446,971 as compared with the preceding year. This decrease is wholly on the annual appropriation, while the permanent appropriation, while the permanent appropriation for the army is increased \$1,343,430. The estimate of the navy is \$71,776,434, an increase of \$9,197,064. The second largest sum under appropriations is for the imperial posts and telegraphs—\$140,428,259. This department is credited, however, in the estimated revenue for the year with bringing in \$160,042,829. The general pension list carries \$27,396,105, and the fund for invalid soldiers and seamen, \$8,287,595. The expenditures for government railways are estimated at \$24,225,799, while the estimated revenue from this source is \$28,343,258.

A DANGEROUS PROCEEDING.

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EARTHQUAKE LORE.

How to be happy though in an earthquake is a problem solved by Prof. Eugen Bormel, a Berlin sculptor, who proposes that houses in earthquake regions be built of steel and riveted to a rock-like steel foundation. The structure would thereby receive a pleasant movement that would make an earthquake a pleasure. If the motion became too violent probably the furniture could be riveted to the floor and the people lashed to the chairs.

To avoid the effects of an earthquake people flee into the open country, but they might sometimes much better descend into a mine. Two old miners, one in Bolivia and one in Chile, have told Mr. Bormel, a French mining engineer, that ascending to the surface after working in a mine, they found all the neighboring houses thrown down by an earthquake, whose occurrence they had not even surmised when in the depths.

Also in 1823 violent shocks were felt at the surface in Sweden without the miners knowing anything about them. But it is understood that the earth shakes underground as well as on the surface and experiments on the propagation of vibrations by the earth have been made by registering on a device placed in a mine waves produced by the explosion of dynamite. Thus we may understand how in certain cases shocks may have been noted or at least without being reported on the surface.

Humboldt cites an example at the beginning of the nineteenth century. In the silver mines of Marienberg, Sweden, here the miners were only shocked, not killed, and the destructive effect below the surface was slight and there was no choking up of the mine. It is said that the pre-existing voids, such as the shaft of a mine, a cave, an open lode, a fissure, or a fault that the deep lying crust tends to move, become dislocated and deformed under the action of seismic vibrations.—John A. Howland in Workers' Magazine.

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### PREPARING FOR SOCIALISM.

The process of trustification goes on without interruption. In days of prosperity the smaller concerns may make profits and somewhat expand their business and cherish hopes of permanent success; but at the same time the greater enterprises are making still larger profits and extending their field of operations and accumulating the force with which to crush or absorb their rivals when the time is ripe. The concentration of capitalist ownership and control, either by the driving to the wall of smaller concerns or by the forming of voluntary or semi-voluntary combinations and mergers, made enormous progress during the era of industrial prosperity which began in 1896 and ended in 1907.

But the period of depression which followed, and in the midst of which we still find ourselves, has brought still further progress along the same lines.

Not only have large numbers of small merchants and small manufacturers been pushed into the gulf of bankruptcy on whose verge they were just able to cling during the good times. Not only have still larger numbers of small stockholders and bondholders been compelled to sell their securities at a sacrifice, thus turning over their chances of future dividends and interest and of participation in future control to the great capitalists who are able to buy at the opportune moment. Not only have multitudes of workingmen found themselves forced during months of unemployment to spend their little hoards, to withdraw their deposits from the savings banks and use them in paying rent and buying food and clothing, and even to mortgage their poor homes, if they were fortunate enough to own homes; and then, when at last they did find work, to accept wages lower than they had taken for many years, while working just as hard and just as long and paying just as high rent and just as high prices for the necessities of life.

By all these quiet processes, inevitably resulting from the conditions of an industrial crisis such as the present, the wage-working class is despoiled of whatever it may have accumulated during the era of prosperity and again reduced to its normal condition of propertylessness, the ranks of the middle class are decimated and the survivors reduced to a lower level of wealth and economic power, and practically the whole of the workers' savings and a large part of the property of the middle class are swept into the coffers of the great capitalists.

But at the same time with this gradual and piecemeal expropriation of the middle and poorer classes, peculiar to hard times, the process of consolidation on a big scale goes on during the crisis, just as well as during the time of prosperity.

Many mergers of greater or less importance have taken place during the last year and a half. Notable among them was the absorption by the United States Steel Corporation, commonly called the Steel Trust, of its largest remaining rival, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company—a merger which was forced upon the Tennessee interests by the pressure of hard times, and which, incidentally, was formally sanctioned by the late President of the United States, notwithstanding it was in violation of the law and notwithstanding the President's loud professions of his intent to enforce the Anti-Trust Law.

Another and hardly less important step in the concentration of great industry has taken place during the last week. We refer to the organization of the International Smelting and Refining Company, with an authorized capital of fifty million dollars and an actual initial capitalization of ten millions.

The press in general has seemed to see in this nothing but the formation of a powerful rival to the American Smelting and Refining Company, the Guggenheim concern, hitherto commonly known as the Smelter Trust. Following this view, the reading public may think that the advent of the new company means a check to the growth of practical monopoly, a partial return to the competitive system in the smelting and refining industry.

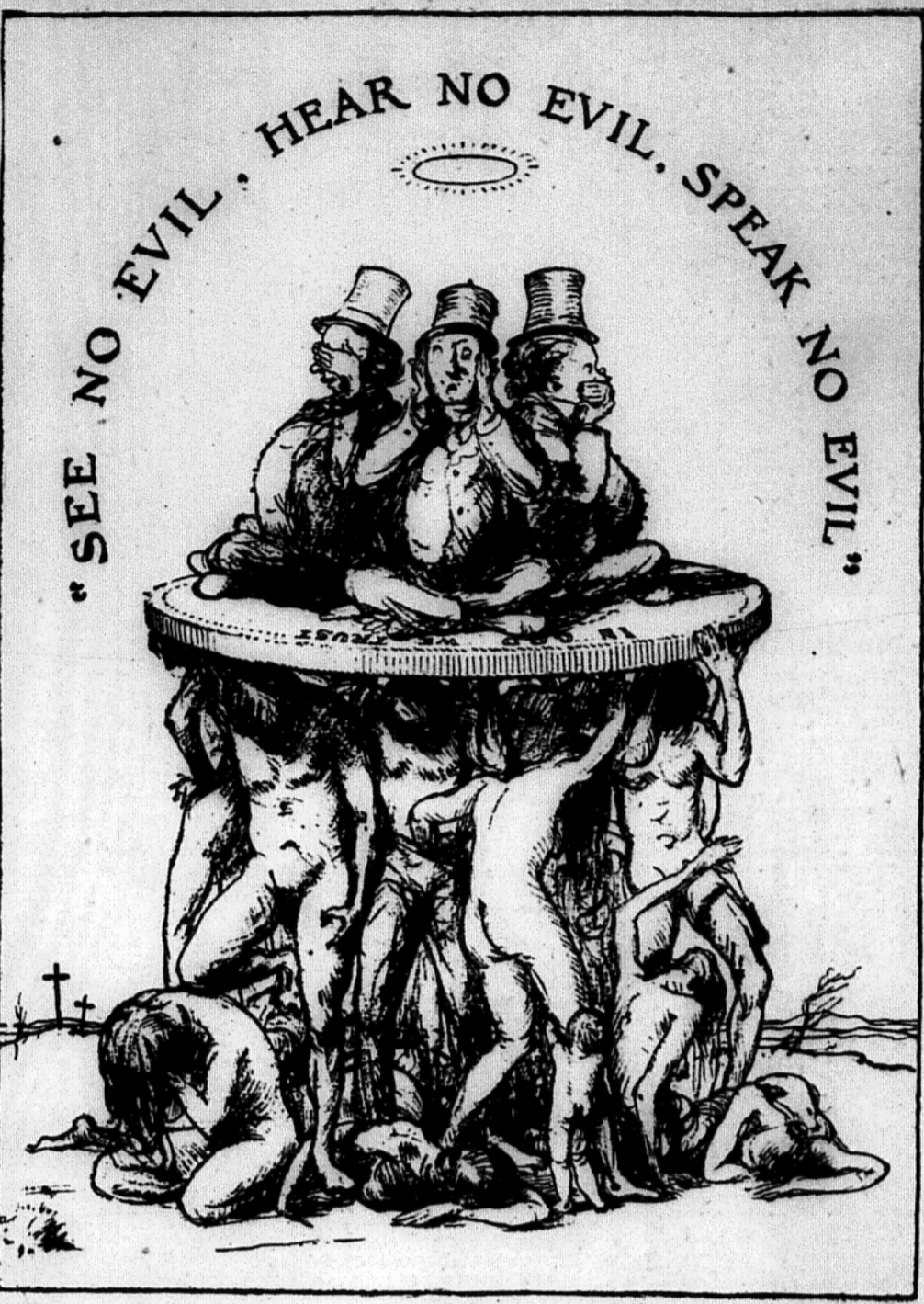
It means anything but this. For a time, indeed, there may be—or, for that matter, there may not be—active competition between the American and the International. Time alone will tell whether their rivalry is real or pretended.

But, however that may be, the important function of the new company will not be as a competitor with the Guggenheims, but as the link to combine the heretofore more or less separate branches of the mining and metal manufacturing and trading business of the country.

The directorate of the International includes representatives of the United States Steel Corporation, the United Metals Selling Company, the American Brass Company, the General Development Company, the Butte Coalition and Green-Cananea Company (itself a creature of the Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper interests), and the National Copper Bank.

If the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company virtually completed the trustification of the iron and steel industry, and if the settlement of the war between Heinze and the Amalgamated virtually completed the trustification of the copper industry, the formation of the International Smelting and Refining Company now brings these two greatest metal industries into closest connection, and practically puts into the hands of one limited group of very great capitalists the control of the mining of copper and iron (incidentally, to a large extent, of gold and silver and of coal besides), the manufacture of iron and steel and of copper and brass, the transportation of the materials for their manufacture, and the marketing of the various products.

With such a gigantic consolidation of capitalist ownership and control effected before their eyes, and with the weeping wage cuts which are taking place in these and other industries, it is time for



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the working people to realize the fact that the day of competition among capitalists is forever past; that not even the most powerful organizations of labor can cope successfully with such combinations of capital; that the great capitalists are in the saddle and ready to use spur and lash; that half-way measures will not serve in such an emergency; that trustification has reached the point where there remains but one choice for the workers—either they must submit to despotic rule on the economic field, or they must themselves act on the political field, act on the lines indicated by the Socialist platform, and decree public ownership and public operation for the public good of these great industries which capitalism has centralized.

The trusts prepare the way for Socialism. They have made Socialism practicable, even to-day; and they are daily furnishing arguments in favor of the change.

It only remains for the workers, thinking and acting together, to catch up with the march of events, to understand the object lessons which the capitalists put before them, to use their political power to transform the great industrial plants from agencies of private exploitation and oppression into agencies for reducing the burden of labor and improving the living of the whole people, while giving them back the individual liberty of which capitalism has long since robbed them.

The democracy that Jefferson and Jackson knew is dead, beyond the power of a Bryan or any other political necromancer to resurrect. The Empire of the Trusts has come. Shall it be permitted to endure, or shall we go on to the Socialist Republic? That is the question the workers have to answer.

### ON THE FIRING LINE.

By MONOSABIO.

Injunction Bill is in the saddle. Carnegie now has 211 college professors on his pension list. Every one of them must sing the praises of capitalism.

The capitalistic papers admit that there are over 200,000 workers out of employment in this state alone. "Hello, Prosperity? What was it Mr. Tart said? 'God knows!'"

The New York man, in a recent Sunday issue, stated that one-fifth of the country's wealth is represented in the New York Stock Exchange. How long will it be before the gamblers will finally own the country?

Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, is interested in a scheme to provide the workers at the Brooklyn navy yard with good meals at 15 to 20 cents per meal. A bright idea, which will wean them from terrapin and pate de sole gras.

Charles W. Morse claims to be a victim of the Big Stick, jailed to hide the share which Roosevelt and the "System" had in bringing on the panic of 1907. Interesting, if true, it again illustrates the fact that capitalists will turn cannibal at any time and eat their best friends.

And now there is a bill in the Sen-

### TO PRODUCE HUMAN THOROUGHBREDS.

Up to the present time man has shown a very lively interest and ingenuity in improving his breeds of stock and dogs but has shown no systematic interest in the improvement of the quality of his own offspring, writes Professor Thomas, in the April American Magazine. Indeed the degree of intelligence which he has shown in this connection has been in the way of checking the production of children rather than improving their quality. But there has recently been founded in England a society and a science of eugenics, or conscious race-culture, whose object is "the study of those social agencies that influence, mentally or physically, the racial qualities of future generations."

The advocates of this science entertain the hope that "to produce a nation healthy alike in mind and body may become a fixed idea—one of almost religious intensity."

In tribal society there was, indeed, a very definite interest in having a large number of children, because the preservation of the group depended on numbers. And among the Greeks the idea of eugenics in the modern sense—the interest in the quality and the breeding of children as distinguished from the number of them—had a very definite development. But alike our other legacies from the Greeks this one was lost during our chaotic feudal welter, and marriage degenerated into something very near a play interest.

A science for the production of human thoroughbreds seems at first a startling proposition, but the idea is so important that its late appearance is to be accounted for only by the action of the church and society in placing a taboo on questions of marriage and sex. And it is fortunate that, in spite of the prejudice and conservatism of the social mind, society is capable of being revolutionized by the operation of ideas.

The idea of children well born and well nurtured, and marriage as a means of adding health and sanity and beauty and meaning and perpetuity to the racial life, is one capable of carrying the maximum amount of sentiment. Following the fashion, wearing ornament, attending and engineering social functions, religious seclusion, missionary effort, the cutting and painting of human figures "the counterfeit presentations" of the stage, and other like enterprises in which men engage with passion, become pale or trivial when compared with the passion for creating, nourishing and training untainted types of flesh and blood—if only the idea can once possess and dominate the imagination.

A SURE SIGN.

A Wilmington woman recently reached the conclusion that the attachment of a certain policeman for her cook must be investigated, lest it prove disastrous to domestic discipline.

"Do you think he means business Mary?" she asked.

"I think so, mum," said Mary. "He's begun to complain about my cooking!" —Harper's Weekly.

### TALKS WITH THE GIRL WHO WORKS.

By GERTRUDE BARNUM.

#### WHAT WILL PEOPLE THINK?

Two of my friends were discussing the younger one's engagement the other evening. "Everybody will think—" began the elder. "Who's everybody?" asked the other. "All there is to it is what John and I think. The real trick was to find that out. And now that we know, there's going to be a wedding."

Few girls have such courage of their convictions. For that matter, few girls have convictions. From babyhood, most of them are concerned principally about what others think.

With a boy it is different. Tom, from the first, is more interested in being pleased than in pleasing. He peers into life from his own hole in the fence, pronouncing sentence upon all new comers. His convictions are swift and sure. He is uncompromisingly himself. One must take him or leave him as he is.

The girl's history is very different. At five she is speaking pieces for Uncle Henry, intoxicated by his approbation or crushed by his indifference. At fifteen—choosing the "job" which will be considered the most ladylike, and devoting her leisure hours to dressing "in fashion." At eighteen—studying "how to please men"—corresponding with newspaper authorities to learn whether a girl's manner should be quiet or lively, shy or bold. At twenty-two—either marrying because people begin to fear she will be an old maid, or else refusing to marry because someone says her sweetheart's collar is too low or his coat old style. At thirty—going into mourning for mother-in-law so as not to cause comment. At forty—dyeing her gray hair to deceive the world as to her age. At sixty—advising her grand-daughters to consider public opinion.

From the cradle to the grave woman assumes some role, posing before footlights, foolishly imagining that all eyes are upon her. She seldom feels a conviction or has her own conception of the plot of her own life.

It is easy when alone to think out own thoughts, but at the first encounter with contrary opinion, we are routed ignominiously. The great woman is she who "in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

Most of us wear masks until in time, behind them, our very souls lose their identity. Most of us play a part to suit our relatives or neighbors. "What will people think if we do not attend church or visit our second cousins? What will they think if we contradict today what we said yesterday? If we are inconsistent shall we hold admiration of our friends?"

Why do we not rather say, with Shakespeare: "I had as lief not be as live to be in awe of such a thing as I, myself"? Why not stand to stand in favor of ourselves? With ourselves we must always live, for better or for worse.

The American girl's desire to please comes, doubtless, from a social instinct, and consideration of the opinions of others is not in itself a sign of weakness. But "who is everybody?" as my happy little engaged friend asked.

When all is said, when the wisdom of the world has been fully weighed, the "real trick," as she sees, is to find out what one thinks oneself and to shape one's life in harmony with that conviction.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Abraham F.—The first day in the second Adam in 1897 fell on Thursday, March 4.

H. K.—The "Little Socialist Magazine" is published by the Socialist Literature Company, 15 Spruce street, New York City.

A. Weinstein.—You had better submit your case to the Legal Aid Society, Harlem Branch, 3022 Lexington avenue. Telephone number is Harlem 441.

N. C. N.—We know no more about the magazine, "The Understable Children." Write to them again putting your return address on the envelope, and if there is no one there to receive it, it will come back to you.

D. F.—The Socialist party's vote at the last election was 423,969. The vote of the Independence party was 33,628.

Union Man.—There is no guarantee that a shoe is union made unless it bears the union stamp.

M. W. Newark.—Mr. Martin is to debate with Mr. Kirkpatrick in Cooper Union on the evening of April 15. Tickets may be obtained at the office of The Call.

### PIGS FROM THISTLES.

It lies not in the power of man, of governments or armies, to make practicable what is elementally wrong. No religion can go deep enough to bring forth universal individual nobleness out of a political or economic system that enslaves souls and bodies by enslaving labor. No law or custom is mighty or sacred enough to bring forth peace and order out of injustice and elemental disorder. It is beyond the power of kings or parliaments, priests or politicians, to bring forth good effects from bad causes. There is no God in the universe almighty enough to make right out of sheer economic might; and there is no civilization strong enough to prevent that which is elementally right from becoming the ultimate and universal might.—George D. Herron.

### Looking For His Pen.

Porcupine Bookkeeper—How annoying! Just a moment ago I stuck my quill pen back of my ear, and now I can't find it!—New York Herald.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE CALL.**  
 Editor of The Call:  
 I congratulate The Call upon the victory for Pouren. The splendid fight that you have made in his behalf and in behalf of all of us who are fugitives from Russia will not be forgotten by us. F. J. BAGOTIUS, Manager of Kava, Lithuanian Socialist Weekly, Philadelphia.

**FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE.**  
 Editor of The Call:  
 The Socialists have conceded the most perfectly organized political party in the world to-day. No small part of this perfection is due to the organization of the party members into Young Socialist Leagues. These have for their object the education of the members along literary and economic lines. They serve as a recruiting corps to the party, as the children, when they reach the age of eighteen "matriculate" into it. Therefore in view of their great importance it behooves the older members to give every encouragement possible to the younger ones and to provide or induce them to introduce features which will attract and cause children who are not members of the league and whose parents are still dead to the class struggle, to join and having joined, to stay.

Physical culture appeals particularly strongly to children, and it would be comparatively simple to form athletic clubs among them. Such close companionship as athletics generally enforces would promote that feeling of solidarity so essential and yet so lamentably lacking in the present leagues.

Having been an ardent physical culturist for many years, I know that there is no other class of people so open to conviction, so necessarily radical, as might cite to prove the claim, the case of the physical culture colony in Outcalt, N. J. One Socialist came among them and converted every man and woman there.

So I think that the general committee should instruct all the locals to assist in the organization of physical culture centers.

The result would probably be the upbringing of a class of beings of far above the average stunted individual both physically and mentally that we will be able to show the world at large what can be done today, even when a few come together to improve themselves in these directions. We'd ask them, How much more could be done if all the conditions which conduce to sickness and feeble-mindedness were removed?  
 I. MEIROVITS,  
 New York, March 28.

**THE EDITORIAL PLURAL.**  
 "Mr.," said a newspaper man's son, "I know why editors call themselves 'we.'"  
 "Why?"  
 "So's the man that doesn't like the article will think there are too many for him to tackle."—Christian Work and Evangelist.