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### The Weather.

Partly cloudy today and Saturday; moderate northwesterly winds becoming variable.

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### EXPOSES HORRORS OF INSANE ASYLUM

#### Medical Charges Terrible Crimes Committed in Essex County Institution.

The grading of the Essex County Hospital for the Insane by the free-lance investigation committee in Newark, N. J., is continuing to unearth shocking revelations and manifold insanities in the records of the institution.

### EXPLOSION KILLS 7

#### 300 Workers in Illinois Mine Have Narrow Escape.

HERRIN, Ill., Dec. 23.—Seven men are known to have been instantly killed in Mine A, nicknamed the Squirrel Ridge colliery, of the Chicago and Cartersville Coal Company, near here, at noon today by a gas explosion, which is believed to have been caused by Mine Surveyor W. T. Pierce and his party of helpers walking into a worked-out room in the mine and igniting the gas in it by lamps which they carried.

### BLUEFIELDS FILLED WITH HUNGRY HORDE

#### American Consul Asks Aid for Starving Prisoners Taken by General Estrada.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Thomas P. Moffat, the American consul at Bluefields, Nicaragua, sent a dispatch to the State Department today saying that the situation in Bluefields was critical. Two thousand half starved prisoners have been brought there. The situation, he added, threatened starvation and disease. He suggested that sufficient rations be sent to Bluefields as promptly as possible.

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Local News Briefs

District Attorney Whitman Sworn In. District Attorney-elect Charles S. Whitman yesterday took the oath of office before Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court.

Two Arrested on Burglary Charge. Suspected of knowing about an attempt to burglarize the home of Allan Robinson, New York lawyer, in Pelham Manor, a man who says he is Frank Costello, of 93 East 114th street, was arrested at 1845 Lexington avenue yesterday. William Barnett, an alleged friend of Costello is also under arrest here.

Mrs. Sage Makes Xmas Gift. Mrs. Russell Sage sent a package yesterday to Park Commissioner Smith containing 385 \$5 gold pieces as her Christmas gift to the employees working in Central Park who are paid \$3 or less per day.

Old Time "Con" Man Arraigned. Accused of being the leader of an international band of swindlers, who for many years have robbed wealthy Englishmen of more than \$250,000, Charles Adams, an old time "con" and gold-brick man, was arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Shields and held in \$5,000 bail for examination on December 31.

Memorial to Firemen. The hope of New York firemen to have a monument to their dead heroes placed at the northern side of Union Square is about to be realized. The firemen's memorial fund committee has received the approval of the Municipal Art Commission for a beautiful design for the monument to be erected on the spot.

Slayer Freed on "Unwritten Law." Relying on the "unwritten law" to vindicate him for killing a boarder in his house who had attacked his sixteen-year-old wife, while he was away, Artemia Diamantio, of 4th street, Long Island City, was declared "not guilty" yesterday by a jury in the County Court before Judge Humphreys.

New Lights for Central Park. Park Commissioner Henry Smith issued orders yesterday to turn on the new electric lights installed in Central Park for the first time on Christmas night.

Edwards Discovers Graft. "Big Bill" Edwards, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, very indignantly yesterday because of the work of advertising solicitors, who, he said, represented themselves as solicitors for the Journal of the Uniformed Employees Association of the Street Cleaning Department. There is an employees' benevolent association, but no one is authorized to collect money, Edwards said.

Explosion in Stove Causes Scare. There was an explosion in a stove in an apartment on the second floor of the five-story tenement house at 224 East 87th street yesterday that badly frightened the occupants of the building and did some damage to the walls. It is believed there was powder in the coal.

Confesses on Scaffold. TORONTO, Ontario, Dec. 23.—Paval Steffor was hanged at the jail today for the murder of a fellow Macedonian named Simoff, for the latter's money last spring. Just before the execution the murderer confessed his crime and also declared that he murdered an Englishman in Bedford, near Ferrisville, Ind., where Macedonians succeeded in keeping him in hiding.

Patronize S. CASSEL'S UNION HAT STORE. 99 Rivington Street, cor. Ludlow.

Klingenstein Brothers AVENUE A, COR. 3D STREET. For Practical Christmas Presents as Gents' Shirts, Knitted Jackets, Jersey Coats, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Gloves. No better place in the whole town.

Ladies, Gents' & Children's SHOES. 1804 AVENUE A, Bet. 53d & 54th Sts. Prices Lower Than Anywhere Else.

A PACKAGE PARTY AND BALL will take place in LIEBERKRANZ HALL, Manhattan Ave. and Meserole St., Brooklyn ON FRIDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 24, at 8 o'Clock For the Benefit of the Striking Shirt Waist Workers MR. and MRS. FRASER will speak, and the WEBSTER-POWELL OPERA COMPANY will render a musical recital.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING Never before has LEVY BROS. stock been as generous in assortment, as high in quality, as smart in style and as expressive of good value. Now it is offered at only a fraction of actual worth. Included in this Xmas offering are the finest garments LEVY BROS. make, and which, at original LOW prices, were exceptional values. There are suits and overcoats of almost every fabric, including many special styles. The overcoats include the entire range of overcoats built for comfort, style and utility. All our garments are strictly union made and bear the union label.

AMONG THE VALUES ARE OVERCOATS former price \$20 and \$22 NOW \$16 OVERCOATS AND SUITS former price \$16 and \$18 NOW \$13 OVERCOATS AND SUITS former price \$14 and \$12 NOW \$10 Beautiful Calendars Will Be Given As Souvenirs to All Our Customers LEVY BROTHERS Uptown Store: 2260 Third Ave. Near 123d St. Downtown Store: 53 Canal St.

Old Naval Man Drowned. Hugh Canning, of 24 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, who had been employed in the steam engineering department of the Brooklyn navy yard, and on various ships of the navy for twenty-five years, was drowned in the Whitney basin yesterday morning. It is thought the man missed his footing while stepping from the floating machine shop to Water Barge 20.

Body of Man Found in North River. The body of an unidentified man was found in the North river yesterday. He weighed about 60 pounds and was about sixty years old, five feet six inches in height, light complexion, gray hair and mustache. He wore a gray suit and overcoat, blue sweater, and gray socks.

Woman's Foot Cut Off by Car. Mary O'Keefe, a domestic employed at 44 Riverside drive, was knocked down by a southbound car at Broadway and 80th street yesterday and her right foot was cut off. She was taken unconscious to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, and the motorman, Joseph Meade, was arrested.

Mrs. Rockefeller's Chauffeur Arrested. The chauffeur of Mrs. William G. Rockefeller was arrested yesterday for speeding on Boston Post road. In Morrisania Police Court, Mrs. Rockefeller, who was in the car at the time, gave her residence, 292 Madison avenue, as security for his appearance in court.

Schieffelin Injunction Hearing Monday. Supreme Court Justice Dowling, at the request of counsel for William J. Schieffelin, adjourned yesterday until next Monday argument on a motion to continue the temporary injunction obtained by Schieffelin several days ago restraining Bridge Commissioner Stevenson from accepting any bids for the construction of the new Municipal building.

Motorman Kills Himself. Rudolph Krueger, a motorman living at 288 Avenue A, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver at his home yesterday morning. The coroner's office was notified by the police of the East 22d street station. Krueger is said to have had a wife, living at present at 245 Grove street, Brooklyn.

New Shubert Theater. W. Albert Swasey has filed plans with the Building Department for a new theater and studio building to be erected for J. J. Shubert at 217 to 223 West 43d street. The theater will have a seating capacity of 722, and on the front of the plot will be studios and offices seven stories high. The building is to cost \$150,000.

Sentenced for Burglary. George Williams, of 339 West 37th street, who was arrested for a burglary in the apartments of Mrs. Bindahl, at 283 Central Park West, yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by Judge Rosalys to not less than two years and six months and not more than four years and six months imprisonment.

NEW BELGIAN KING DEFENDS LEOPOLD Dead Butcher's Successor, in Inaugural Speech, Justifies Atrocities in the Kongo.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—Albert I, King of the Belgians, with his queen, Elizabeth, made a state entry into the capital from Laeken today. In his inaugural speech from the throne King Albert took occasion to defend the Belgian government and the late King Leopold from the world-wide attacks made upon them for Belgium's course in the Kongo. He declared that he intended to continue "Belgium's policy of humanity and justice in the further colonization of the Kongo. No nation is entitled to doubt our good intentions in the Kongo. We have a great work to perform there and will give to it our very best administrative ability. He said the late king had performed a prodigious work in Africa, with the constant thought of enriching the nation and increasing the economic resources of Belgium. When the king entered the chamber of deputies he was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering, the deputies standing and waving their hats and handkerchiefs. The Socialist uttered Republican cries but these were drowned by the cheers. The Socialists have issued a manifesto in which they declare their intention of gaining a Social Democratic republic despite all the reactionary parties.

INCITE RACE HATRED Boss Tailors Play Italians Against Jew in Effort to Break Strike. Stein & Blair, of East 36th street, where ninety tailors are striking, made a wise and successful move, the union, have made efforts to break the strike by telling the Italians that the Jewish workers were striking to have them thrown out of the shop. This was the reason why a dozen or more Italians went back as scabs to the shop yesterday. After a committee from the strikers saw them and convinced them that the statements of the boss are lies, they joined the strikers again.

\$5,184 FOR AN EYE. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 23.—In the suit for \$10,000 damages begun by John Ramsay, of Perth Amboy, against the Raritan Copper Works, the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for \$5,184. Ramsay was put to work looking after running molten iron. He showed a wet crowbar into the iron and lost an eye through the iron squirting. He was a green hand in that department and asserted he had not been properly warned.

RICHTEST WOMAN. Widow of E. H. Harriman Has Property Estimated at \$220,000,000. Mrs. Edward H. Harriman is the richest woman in the world today. A conservative estimate of the estate left by her husband places its present value at \$220,000,000. Since Harriman's death the securities which were largely held by him have appreciated in the market to a large extent.

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DRAMA "The Lily," as adopted by David Belasco from the French play of the same title by Pierre Wolff and Gaston Theater last night to a crowded and enthusiastic house. At the close of the third act, which ends with the "old maid sisters" impassioned defense of the younger sister's love affair with an artist who cannot marry her, there burst forth a storm of applause and bravos for Belasco and Nance O'Neill, which continued for a length of time seldom witnessed in a playhouse. Despite Belasco's "adapting," the play remains one of the most notable that has been seen, or likely to be seen, in New York for months, especially if one leaves at the close of the third act. The fourth and last act, which differs entirely from the original, has been altered in a most impudent manner. A detailed criticism will appear in The Call next Sunday.

George Bernard Shaw has written a new play for the Frohman Repertory Theater in London which is not divided into separate acts, and will run almost four hours without intermission. Shaw says, however, that he shall drop the act which he says the audience may express its desire "in the usual way."

Another London novelty is a play called "Where Children Rule," by Sydney Bow and Douglas Hoare, in which all the principal parts are taken by children. It pictures a land in which the children are supreme and grown people are made to mind and grow under adorable discipline. This reversal of things gives opportunity for much amusing comedy and, it is said, "no little sharp satire." One naughty grown-up, six feet three inches tall, is made to stand in the corner with his hands on his head. The piece has made a hit, the number of unusually clever child actors and actresses appearing at one time causing astonishment.

Yale University is to have a fully equipped theater of its own to be used for performances given by the students and by such professional companies as may be especially invited to appear before the university. The profits from the performances of Dion Boucicault's comedy "London Assurance," to be given by the Yale Dramatic Association at the Waldorf-Astoria on Monday and Tuesday, January 3 and 4, will be devoted to the fund for this Yale theater, as well as the profits from the ten days tour which the Yale actors will make before appearing in New York. The theater fund already amounts to \$5,500. Preliminary plans provide for a structure seating 400 people, with a completely equipped stage, club and library rooms for the Dramatic Association, the musical clubs and the Yale Orchestra.

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EXPOSES HORRORS OF INSANE ASYLUM (Continued from page 1.) which her daughter came home. The jacket bore the mark: "King, 14." Mrs. Hinkel continued: "The next day Miss Long came to see me and told me that Mrs. Lindner died two hours after left her bed, and she said that both Drs. Dill and Stiles asked her not to say anything about it. Right after that Miss Jordan, too, came and she said: 'Oh, Mrs. Hinkel, don't say anything about the woman. The less you say the better.'" Mrs. Hinkel told of her daughter's experience in the same institution, a tale too horrible to print. She said that her daughter was taken back to the asylum when one time she had wandered off. On one of her visits, she declared, she found a doctor alone with her daughter in a room. Three months later, she said, a criminal operation was performed on the girl. This was discovered, she said, after she sent physicians, Drs. Mitchell and Parsonet, both of Newark, to examine the girl. She said anything about the woman. The less you say the better."

Father Dies of Broken Heart. "On April 3, 1907, when my husband died, with a broken heart, Anna was allowed to go to the funeral. Six weeks after that she came home and remained sixteen months. "I then took her to a doctor in New York and he advised me to take her to the State Hospital. I telephoned to Dr. Cotter, who he said that she would be admitted on commitment papers signed by two doctors. I then got Dr. Louis Weiss to sign the papers. I went to Supervisor Otterbein to have them indorsed and he refused to apply to Judge Ten Eyck and he sent me to Commissioner Church. He, too, refused. "At 10 o'clock that night three policemen came and took Anna away by force. Will, my son, went with the papers to the station house and he was arrested there. The police surgeon told him that he would release Anna if he paid him \$55 within twenty-four hours. "I engaged an attorney to sue the county for the pain inflicted on my daughter. He said I would have to pay him \$100 and for seven months he kept me waiting until I discovered that he did not even bring suit. I went to the New York Volkszeitung and the labor editor, Charles Hohmann, sent this attorney a strong letter and the money was returned. "I then engaged another attorney

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# Woman's Sphere

Edited by ANITA C. BLOCK

## A SONG

By WALT WHITMAN.

I will make the continent indissoluble;  
I will make the most splendid race the  
sun ever shone upon;  
I will make divine magnetic lands,  
With love of comrades.  
With the life-long love of comrades.

I will plant companionship thick as  
grass along all the rivers of  
America, and along the shores  
of the great lakes, and all over  
the prairies;  
I will make inseparable cities with  
their arms about each other's  
necks;  
By the love of comrades,  
By the manly love of comrades.

For you these, from me, O democracy,  
To serve you, ma femme;  
For you for you, I am trilling these  
songs.  
In the love of comrades,  
In the high-towering love of comrades.

## WOMEN IN NEW YORK'S BIGGEST INDUSTRY.

In the light of the terrible conditions revealed by the great strike now taking place in our city, the following figures given out by the Evening Mail are especially significant. This is the wealth that some women are producing so that other women may be well dressed. It seems as though the contrast between the wealth produced and the condition of the workers must make Socialists of all who have eyes to see.

Women's Clothing	Employees	Output
Woolen	96,162	\$261,049,267
Cotton	1,264	1,808,456
Knit	8,285	41,851,936
Ready-made	5,093	8,744,545
Millinery	29,727	81,450,948
Shoes	9,280	19,950,258
<b>Totals</b>	<b>149,911</b>	<b>\$394,955,527</b>

These figures show the great army of work people engaged in New York in one of the lines of industry devoted to clothing of women and girls. This work force is twice the size of the United States army, three times as large as the number of officers and enlisted men in the navy, and

equals the population of Denver or Toledo.  
The annual products of the labor of these 149,911 workers, in these six lines of industry, that concern only the proper adornment of women, in 1909, amounted to \$394,955,527 more than the net earnings of all the national banks in the United States and three times the net earnings of those 6,992 national banks.  
The year's output equaled the combined capital of the banks of New York state and Illinois.

## DUE TO MILWAUKEE'S SOCIALIST WOMEN!

The Social-Democratic members of the Milwaukee school board have succeeded in having John Spargo, of New York, placed on the list of school lecturers. Comrade Spargo will give a series of six lectures in the public schools of Milwaukee. His subjects will be: "Poverty and Its Causes," "The Feeding of Children," "Child Labor" and "The Common Sense of the Milk Question." Mark another gain in having Socialist women on the school board!

## NEWS FROM FAR AWAY.

Interesting news comes from Victoria, Australia, where for the first time women have voted at the Brighton by-election. It was a very difficult constituency to organize, but the Women's Political Association, of which Miss Vida Goldstein is the president, succeeded in reaching 3,000 women by means of a special little paper, the Woman Voter. The result of their hard work was that at the polls nearly 84 per cent of the women registered recorded their vote, while of the men on the register only 44 per cent voted. The Women's Political Association is teaching women to take their civic duties very seriously and has started a parliament where they meet once a week and discuss the political program with earnestness and thorough knowledge.

## NEW WORK FOR WOMEN.

Fourteen young women have been installed as ticket sellers in the subway stations of the McAdoo Hudson river tunnel system, and they are giving good satisfaction to the company and the public. This is the first appearance of women in such capacity in the city. General Manager Munger says: "They are quicker than men at giving change and more courteous. We pay them at the same rate as men and get better results. It is possible to get higher grade women than men."

# Socialist News of the Day

## Tonight's Meetings.

**MANHATTAN AND BRONX.**  
Business.  
8th A. D.—317 Grand street. Important business.  
11th A. D.—585 Eighth avenue.  
22d A. D. (Branch 1, Bronx)—2669 Third avenue.  
1st and 25th A. D. (German)—111 Seventh avenue.  
Public Meeting.  
2d A. D.—130 Heury street. Dr. M. G. Landa, "The Worker in Literature." 9 p.m. sharp.

**MEETING POSTPONED.**  
The regular meeting of the 32d A. D., Branch 1, that was to be held tonight, has been postponed until Wednesday, December 29, on account of holidays.

**BROOKLYN.**  
Business Meetings.  
7th A. D.—615 Sixth avenue. Important business.  
9th A. D. (Branch 3)—9103 Fifth avenue.  
22d A. D. (Branch 1)—475 Glenmore avenue.  
22d A. D. (Branch 4)—Criterion Hall, Sutter and Alabama.

**Public Lecture.**  
People's Forum (East New York Branch), Criterion Hall, Alabama and Sutter avenues. Harry D. Smith, "Poverty and How to Cure It." Musical entertainment.

**REV. PETERS TO SPEAK.**  
Rev. Madison C. Peters will speak on "The World's Debt to the Jews" tonight at Brooklyn Educational League, 155 Tompkins avenue, near Willoughby avenue. Classic musical entertainment will follow. Lecture begins at 8 o'clock sharp.

**TO DEBATE TONIGHT.**  
An interesting debate will be held tonight before the People's Forum of Williamsburg, at 181 McKibbin street, Brooklyn. The subject for debate will be: "Resolved, That the collective ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution is the salvation of the working class." James R. Brown will take the negative and G. Dobeavage the affirmative side.

**HARRISON.**  
Business Meeting.  
West Harrison Labor Lyceum, 4 6th street. All members should attend.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**  
Business Meetings.  
15th and 29th Wards Branch—Music Hall, 26th and Grand avenue.

**ELECT NEW OFFICERS.**  
At the last regular meeting of the Call Conference held on December 22, the following officers were elected: President, William Kohn; vice president, Albert Reinlieb; financial secretary, Louis Binger; treasurer, C. A. Brown; arrangement committee, C. A. Brown, Max G. Jacobs, M. Sokoloff; delegates to the advisory board, Alex. Schlesinger, John Stark, G. Sussman, F. Turkenitch; delegates to board of managers, Alex. Schlesinger, T. Turkenitch; credentials committee, C. A. Brown, Max G. Jacobs, H. Marcal; auditing committee, Alex. Schlesinger, M. Sokoloff, William Kohn.

**NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.**  
A grand New Year's reception and entertainment of the Workingmen's Educational Club, 477 Atlantic avenue, will be held on Friday, December 31, at 8 o'clock. The musical entertainment will be under the personal direction of Mrs. Alma Webster-Powell, so all can rest assured it will be excellent. Tickets, 25 cents; children, 10 cents, including refreshments.

**QUEENS.**  
The Socialist Sunday school will have a festive Christmas night (tomorrow) in Kreucher's Hall, Cypress and Myrtle avenues, Ridgewood.

**CONNECTICUT.**  
At a meeting of the state committee, Socialist party of Connecticut, held in Derby at the rooms of Local Intercity, 129 Main street, Sunday, December 19, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas a copy of a letter sent by A. M. Simons, editor of Chicago Daily Socialist and member of the national executive committee of the Socialist party, to William English Walling, same having been sent to the state secretary of the Socialist party of Connecticut and by him turned over to this committee; and  
"Whereas this committee deprecates the mistake made by Simons in writing such a letter to a non-member of the Socialist party, we believe that the question of a conspiracy to bring about an internal revolution in the party and an attempt to turn our party into a labor party is largely the result of an overheated imagination and an absurd attempt to widen and make more bitter the gulf existing between the so-called intellectual and proletarians in the party; and  
"Whereas we believe that it is impossible for any man, or set of men, to dictate to the rank and file of the Socialist party what course it shall pursue and what policy it shall adopt, and that the question of a labor party

rests with the rank and file of the A. F. of L. and the Socialist party, not with the officers of either organization; therefore, be it  
"Resolved, That we, the state committee of Connecticut, desire to hereby emphatically resent the interference of one who is not a member of the Socialist party in internal affairs of the party. We believe that the Socialist party has not yet reached the point where it is incapable of judging the ability of its officers and their duties as such. Neither have they reached the point where they should ask the advice of outsiders in the party affairs.  
"The state committee of Connecticut, therefore, desires to condemn the activity of those who desire to influence our elections by activity in circulating attacks on party members, written by non-party members, believing that if those who have such a great love for the movement should be at least a member of such in order to consistently criticize its officers, members or policy; and, be it further  
"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the party press, and to William English Walling.  
"STATE COMMITTEE.  
"Socialist Party of Connecticut.  
"S. E. BEARDSLEY,  
"State Secretary."

**PITTSBURG, PA.**  
Branches must nominate for offices to be filled in the February election. It is necessary to fill out a petition and secure at least ten signatures of qualified voters after you have made your nominations. These petitions must be filed out, not later than Wednesday, December 22. The organizer will then see that the petitions are properly filed with the county commissioners to conform to the law. Nomination petition blanks can be secured from the county headquarters whether in person or by mail. If party members do not know what offices are to be filled in your borough, township, ward, school district or voting district they can get same by writing the county organization.  
John W. Slayton will speak at Homewood headquarters tonight. Subject, "The Failure of Capitalism." Admission free.  
At the general membership meeting held yesterday the following officers were elected: Organizer, Fred H. Merrick; secretary, F. A. Silvia; financial secretary, George T. McConnell, who was also elected literature agent; treasurer, A. E. Wochele; auditing committee, F. A. Silvia, A. Leach, Fred Altwater; campaign committee, A. Leach, C. E. McCready, William Adams, L. A. Wolfe, A. G. Wood, George T. McConnell and J. B. Slack.  
There will be an entertainment and dance New Year's Eve, December 31, at Canton's Hall, 204 6th street. Admission, 25 cents. Tickets on sale at branch or county headquarters.  
The increased interest that is being manifested in election laws and naturalization laws necessitates the organization of a political study class. Those who wish to get posted on elec-

tion laws or learn something of naturalization or get their first or second papers are urged to attend the meetings on Monday nights and bring any interested parties whether they are Socialists or not. Arrangements have been made with an interpreter who can explain anything necessary to those in attendance in their native tongue. Naturalization books printed in various languages are on sale at county headquarters for 15 cents a copy.  
The open parliament on Sunday night was a decided success and the same plan will be followed next Sunday night. The members are enthusiastic over the opportunity for the rank and file to participate in the Sunday night meetings.

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## From "The Strike of the Singers of the Shirt."

The shirtwaist makers listened to many more such speeches. They had come to the meeting heavy-hearted and depressed. It meant suffering to continue work under their conditions, and it meant suffering to fight. Would they succeed in the fight? Could they succeed? Would the rest of the girls, for whom it was so difficult to grasp the advantages of solidarity, join in a general strike? Did they have the strength of character, the nobility of purpose?  
The speaker, one after the other, argued about the possibilities of victory and discussed the methods of employers. In the midst of these speeches Clara Lemlich, a dark, pale little girl of about 26, raised her hand to show her desire to speak. She was called upon, and willing hands lifted her on the platform. With the simplicity of genius she said: "I have listened to all the speakers, and I have no patience for talk. I am one who feels and suffers from the things pictured. I move that we go on a general strike."  
It was the expression of the heart of the audience. It jumped to its feet and cheered approval. It was for this they had come together, these thousands of isolated girls. Unknown to themselves, they had come to unite into one army for the benefit of all. They had come to declare war.—ROSE STRUNSKY, in January Review.

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**MORRIS HILLQUIT:** If a bona-fide workingmen's party should be organized in this country for political purposes, on a true workingmen's platform and upon the principle of independent and uncompromising working-class politics, our party should not consistently oppose such an organization, but would have to support it and co-operate with it.  
**O. F. BRANSTETTER:** I can say most emphatically that I will oppose such a merger as suggested.  
**ROBERT HUNTER:** If such a party were formed, no doubt all of us would want the Socialist Party to confer with the labor party, at least in regard to candidates.  
**WILLIAM McDEVITT:** Let labor join OUR ranks. That way lies sound progress; the other course—the course of retreat, the surrender of the vanguard of the militant proletarians to the reactionary laborite politicians—can spell nothing but defeat, confusion and disaster.  
**JOHN SPARGO:** I am inclined to believe that forces now at work will compel the organized workers of America to adopt political action, quite independent of all capitalist ties, and in the event of such a development taking place, I believe it would be the duty of the Socialist Party to make an attempt at least to co-operate with it rather than to fight it.  
**LOUIS DUCHEZ:** I emphatically oppose the merging of the Socialist Party into a labor party. A labor party will mean a few fat jobs for Gompers and those alleged Socialists, and nothing for the proletariat and the revolution.

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**A Letter from Debs.**  
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## TAMMANY AND THE CO-OPERATIVES.

The death of "Little Tim," the Tammany leader in the Board of Aldermen and member of the powerful Sullivan family, has given occasion to the newspapers of this city to call attention once more to what they regard as the "real source of Tammany's power with the people."

These papers tell us what a "good feller" "Little Tim" was. He befriended the poor, rejoicing with them in their good fortune and offering them a helping hand in their calamities. He was easily accessible to the troubled, the friendless, the needy. He secured them jobs; he helped them whenever they found themselves in conflict with the law; he provided food and fuel and clothes to the destitute. The Sullivan Christmas dinners, with the free shoes and socks that accompany them, are an institution on the Bowery.

Undoubtedly there is an element of truth in the statement that the personal interest in the poor of their districts displayed by "Little Tim" and all the other Sullivans and practically all the Tammany district leaders is the "real source of Tammany's power with the people." It is this personal, human quality of the Tammany politician that gives him at all times a powerful advantage over his Republican and "Reform" rivals for the suffrages of the masses. But it is not, of course, the real source of Tammany's power. The ability to secure employment, to be charitable to the needy, to have "pull" with the official dispensers of justice, itself presupposes the possession of influence and power. Without the corporations that supply Tammany with funds in return for favors granted or promised; without the income derived from the control of the police and the ability to grant immunity to those who violate the law; without the fat contracts obtained from the city or the corporations; without the huge money gathered in from the gambling den and the brothel, Tammany politicians would not be in a position to dispense assistance and charity.

Nevertheless we Socialists must not ignore the personal and human side of Tammany's influence over the poor. We cannot, of course, adopt Tammany's methods for obtaining influence over them. But we can and must adopt methods of a totally different kind that are calculated to bring us in closer touch with the working masses, methods that will at the same time contribute powerfully toward lifting these masses to a higher level of life and thought and action. That it is our duty to help the workers, organized as well as unorganized, in every conflict with the bosses has come to be a commonplace with us. All that is needed in this respect is better organization with a view to greater efficiency and promptitude in the rendering of aid. But in this work, important as it is, we are, after all, only supplementing the work which falls properly within the province of the trade unions. Moreover, people do not strike every day of the year, and while aid to strikers may be given by us constantly, it is not the same people who are receiving the aid. But the problem is to be in constant and regular touch with the masses.

This problem, it seems to us, may be solved by the co-operatives. The benefits derived by their members from the co-operatives are regular and constant. The co-operatives are capable of reaching those working in organized trades, as well as the unskilled workers. They develop the habit and capacity for organization—and organization is the especial and peculiar weapon of the working class, just as property and the power derived from property is the especial and peculiar weapon of the possessing class. Of the other advantages which the co-operatives hold out to the workers it is unnecessary to speak here, for we are not now writing about co-operatives, but of the aid that co-operatives may render us in this city in fighting the invidious and demoralizing influences of Tammany charity and "good-fellowship."

## RECOGNITION OF WORK IN UNIONS.

Again and again we have been discussing the question, How can we gain the good will of the trade unions for the Socialist party? We herewith make a modest proposal. It is not calculated to accomplish miracles. But it may help us in a small way.

It is recognized by all of us that good work done in the trade unions by their Socialist members is bound to advance the cause of Socialism in those unions.

But members of the Socialist party who are expected to do their share of the detail work of the party are thereby prevented from taking part in the detail work of their unions. It therefore seems to us highly desirable that party members who are trade unionists and desire to devote their time to the work of their unions, be absolved by the general opinion of the party members from their share of work in the party.

In other words, work in the unions should be regarded as the equivalent of work in the Socialist party.

In selecting delegates to our conventions we frequently choose men who do not devote much of their time to administrative work, but prefer to write for our press or to lecture at our meetings. We ought to look upon trade union work as similar in nature and to send to our conventions active trade unionists just as we send writers and speakers.

By thus giving express recognition to work in the unions we shall surely give encouragement to Socialists to devote their free time to their unions.

## TWO PHASES OF YULETIDE, 1909.



THE STRUGGLE FOR BREAD AND BARGAINS.

## A BOYCOTT ON FOOD

By Robert Hunter.

The official organ of the Association of Manufacturers occasionally reviews business conditions. Recently it published an exciting symposium on that subject. It appears that vehicles are being bought hand over fist. Automobiles are selling like hot cakes. Iron and steel is enjoying unprecedented prosperity. Machinery is selling at such a rate that this industry has increased its business one hundred per cent. and so on down the list. All things are lovely until we come to the industries engaged in producing food supplies. Here a note of pessimism is sounded. For some reason food is not selling. The food trusts are having a hard time of it, and only 22 per cent of those industries are increasing their business. Now, that is a very serious matter. I wonder if these miserable Trade Unionists are boycotting food? Suppose, for instance, they should actually refuse to eat food? Most people would agree that such a state of affairs would constitute a conspiracy of the most dangerous character. Consider for a moment what it would mean to legitimate business interests to have the two million organized workmen decline absolutely to eat. This is a matter worthy of serious consideration. It ought to be brought to the attention of Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich. The anti-trust law surely provides against any malicious attacks of that character. There are, no doubt, judges to be found who would issue an injunction against such a criminal conspiracy. No one, of course, objects to workmen refusing to buy automobiles, hansom cabs, broughams or victorias. In fact, it is a question whether it is good form to have men of the working class lolling about on the cushions of their carriages and idly driving in the parks. A boycott of that character might be justified, but when workmen undertake to boycott food products that is an altogether different matter. The patronage of the workmen is an inherent property right of the Manufacturers' Association. The courts are perfectly clear on that matter. And any attempt to deprive the manufacturers of the patronage of the hungry would mean the ruin of honest industry. Surely Post with his gripe nuts and other sterling men of affairs will not brook any action of this character. Of course it may be held that workmen must eat, but that is clearly erroneous. The spirit of union men is so mean, their hatred of the manufacturers is so great, their criminal conspiracies are so gigantic and their criminal intention to destroy legitimate business so obvious that they might come to the point of refusing longer to eat. Perhaps the only practical plan for manufacturers to pursue is to get an injunction and throw union men into jail. They can then follow the policy of the English government in dealing with the suffragettes and force food down the throats of such wicked conspirators!

## FRIGID CHARITY.

By REV. A. I. BYRON-CURTISS.

We have heard of the sign over an ice cream-soda water booth reading: "Ice cream as cold as charity." It remained for the respected R. Fulton Cutting, of New York city, to reveal the truthfulness of this traditional sign, which up to his revelation we regarded as mere pleasantry. Mr. Cutting was an after-dinner speaker at a banquet, attended by several hundred men, held in connection with a meeting of the second department of the missionary council of the Episcopal Church, which meeting occurred in Utica, N. Y., in October. In the course of his remarks Mr. Cutting said the church should be as worldly wise as the world itself, in the divine institutions reaching out after men. Then he proceeded to expound the following to his fellow feasters: "What does our well organized Board of Charities do to get its funds in New York? The managers decide on which letter, among many, is most likely to bring results. Then this letter is printed, put in envelopes and addressed. But we don't mail it at once. It is stored away in the office until the temperature begins to go down to zero, when the circulars are mailed, and better returns are assured than if the letters were mailed in milder weather." And from this illustration Mr. Cutting argued that the Church of God should adjust itself to conditions and opportunities. We are not concerned about the force or effect of Mr. Cutting's arguments upon his auditors. It may or may not have had its influence upon the missionary movement the gathering was called for. But what does attract our attention is the calm confession, the deliberate revelation of the modes and methods upon which professional charity operates in New York. From the lips of one of the prominent charitable workers of the city it depends upon the temperature:

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE CHURCH AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Editor of The Call: I have been wishing for some time past business duties would allow me the time to write a letter to The Call, bearing on Socialist tactics. Many of the letters that have been published since the election show much unpleasant personal feeling on the part of the writers, and certainly anything but a self-abnegating spirit of devotion to a great cause. I believe that most Socialists are devoted to their ideals, but, curiously enough, they are making the same mistake that the Christian Church has made for so long, of insisting upon a clearly defined profession of faith, rather than upon working together. We realize the spirit of co-operation, and to make it a fact. Having been a church member for years, and only very gradually becoming aware of the great discrepancy between its ideals and practice; its future kingdom of God, to be realized in heaven, and its actual acceptance of the whole unchristian system of business, industry and society, as it exists today, I am amazed at the close analogy between the Socialist party, tactics and those of the church. A future co-operative commonwealth. A definite profession of faith. A creed. An orthodox belief in the class struggle, etc. A body of theologians to explain and set forth the truths necessary to salvation. A similar body of Socialist theologians, who persist in applying certain formulas and standards, they consider absolutely essential to Socialist orthodoxy! And so on. In the meantime no attempt is made to realize the knowledge of God on earth, or the co-operative commonwealth now. Eugene Wood's letter on co-operatives was a distinct relief. It surely is absolutely necessary to get to work on something definite, now, and to practice co-operation instead of denunciation, and to live, instead of reciting a creed. The class struggle is a terrible fact, about which there can be no argument. But if Socialism is to mean anything to the nation at large, it must be presented as a step forward, a better way for all people, not wage earners only. It must appeal to the justice and good sense of all sorts and conditions of people. The same process that injures the wage workers injures and oppresses the business people, and the only gainers at present are the great corporations. If the middle class business people have no place in the Socialist party, and are to have no voice in its councils, then another party must be formed that will work toward ideals of co-operation, justice and democracy. But, of course, I know that Socialism is a broad movement, taking in all oppressed people—who can realize that the time has come to go forward, to recognize "a more excellent way." Upton Sinclair's letter, in Saturday's Call, should be given most serious attention, as it calls attention to some of the present difficulties, caused by this mistaken orthodoxy. The very same spirit, apparently, that has made the church helpless, in the face of greed, opportunities for real service, is causing the same sort of trouble in the Socialist party. It should not be so. We must have a constructive side

## STORY OF SPOKANE FREE SPEECH FIGHT.

By ELIZABETH GURLEY ELYN. Sentenced to Six Months in Jail for "Conspiracy to Violate the Laws of Spokane."

On December 2 Prosecuting Attorney Pugh thundered in his attack upon the Industrial Workers of the World, "Let them feel the mailed fist of the law." This threat was presumably made in full appreciation of what a roaring "constitution," "justice" and "rights" constitute in Spokane—city of the Washington Water Power Company and the employment sharks. We certainly have individually and collectively felt the mailed fist. Workingmen may come into this fight with respect for and faith in American institutions; they will come out with every vestige ruthlessly destroyed by official acts and judicial decisions. Free speech, free press, free assembly and the right of aliens to avail themselves of the "benefits of our glorious government" (whatever that is) are non-existent in this western town. Outrage upon outrage has been heaped upon us, men, women and children, until the depth of degradation are reached and words fail to adequately express our intense feeling. Every day men have gone upon the streets in numbers ranging from six to twenty-five and thirty, have said, "Fellow workers," and have been railroaded for thirty days with \$100 fine and costs. Ordered to work on the rock pile and refusing, they have been given only bread and water in meagre rations. Bread and water for 130 days means slow starvation, means legal murder. Yet, even on Thanksgiving day, the only exception made to the rule was to give smaller portions of more sour bread. The good Christian chief of police, Sullivan, sneeringly remarked when asked if the turkey and cranberry dinner applied to all "The I. W. W. will find the water faucet in good order." As a result of this diet the boys have become physical wrecks and are suffering with the scurvy and other foul diseases. Once a week a day is appointed as bath day by the authorities and the boys are brought from the Franklin School into the city jail in the interest of cleanliness. The newspapers have repeatedly informed the public that the I. W. W. men object to baths, and many a reader has turned away in disgust from the dirty hoboes. The gentle and beneficent bath has been described as follows by a man who endured it: "First they strip your clothes off by force, then turn a stream of hot water over your head and shoulders, scalding and blinding you at once, and then a stream of ice cold water." This alternating process would probably be enjoyed as much by the critical editor of the Spokesman Review as it is by the I. W. W. boys. As the prisoners were being taken from the school to the jail, members of the I. W. W., Socialists and sympathetic onlookers lined up along the streets and threw sandwiches, fruit and tobacco into the wagon. Officer Bill Shannon in charge took a fiendish delight in kicking this food away from the starving rebels. With face and form like an African gorilla, showing no sign of either humor or compassion or intelligence, he held back the weakened men, that they might not catch the fruit thrown. When one man got a sandwich and strengthened by desperation, held on with his hands and teeth, and grabbed him by the throat and choked him till he dropped the food. Mrs. Fremont, with others, lined up near the school and sang "The Red Flag" to encourage the prisoners. She was arrested and tried for disorderly conduct, the chief of police and six other officers testifying against her. They swore that she acted as if she were drunk, that she had carried on in a disorderly manner on the streets since this trouble started, and one said she acted like a lewd woman. Testimony showing that she had stood on a private porch and had taken part in an orderly meeting was of no avail. She was requested to recite "The Red Flag" and did so with such dramatic force that the judge was horrified at its treasonable and unpatriotic sentiment. She was sentenced to thirty days, \$100 dollars fine and costs, and Judge Mann recommended to the prosecuting attorney that a further charge of participating in an unlawful assemblage, a state charge, be filed against her. She was held for two days in the foul city jail, supplied with only the coarsest and most unpalatable food, and subjected to rigorous cross-examination every little while. Bonds were put up by two local Socialists and she was released in a weak and starving condition. Between three and four hundred men have now been sentenced for speaking on the street. At first the courtroom in which they were tried was open to the public and spectators to the number of 200 could be accommodated, but they didn't show a proper amount of respect for the official movement, and work at that to demonstrate what can be accomplished when people co-operate with, instead of fight each other. Our political efforts are not sufficiently serious, and they should be. It is surely worse than useless to nominate for any public office a candidate, who, if elected, would be utterly unfit to fill it, no matter how good a fellow he may be. If there is not enough competent men in a community from whom to nominate a whole ticket who are willing, or able, to run for office, it would seem the part of wisdom and good common sense to nominate only those who, if elected, would be efficient, even if only one such should be found to fill one office. To concentrate on that person for whom one could conscientiously ask others to vote, rather than to fritter and dissipate effort over a large field, with no hope, or even despair, to elect the persons nominated. Surely the time has come for Socialists in this part of the world to take themselves seriously and work to achieve something definite. We have torn down enough now let's build! ADELA BURGESS MUNRO. Boston, Dec. 15, 1909.

(To be concluded.)