





WIDER USE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Milwaukee's City Dance Points Way to Use of Municipal Halls.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 13.—The second municipal dance was a success beyond all expectations.

Milwaukee's 4,000 was increased to 8,000, and even at that 1,000 were turned away.

At the next dance the big arena in the Auditorium will be used, and it is hoped none will be turned away.

Should the crowd exceed the limit of the big hall, then the smaller ones will be opened.

The remarkable thing about this and other similar activities begun within the last few weeks is, that whatever undertaking is launched in the public buildings succeeds remarkably.

For Wider Use of Public Buildings. The crusade for the wider use of the public buildings begun by the Social Democrats has up to now gone far beyond what was expected at so early a date.

In the south side branch of the public library more than 1,200 children gathered to witness a sleight-of-hand performance given by a boy who had learned the magic from books drawn from the public library.

So many were turned away that another exhibition was given in the afternoon to another similar crowd. No one has anticipated so large a gathering.

Free Picture Shows. At a series of free moving picture shows being given by one of the daily newspapers to demonstrate the public wants such things, crowds are turned away from every performance.

There is no doubt but that the city will be compelled to continue the work so started.

E. J. Ward, brought here to supervise playground and neighborhood centers, working under the auspices of the city and the University of Wisconsin, is doing wonderful work, and has begun a number of neighborhood clubs which meet in the schoolhouses.

A year ago no one would have realized, except the Socialists, that there could be so great a demand for the use of public buildings.

There seems to be a spirit running through the mass of the people that these things belong to them, and that at least they have within their reach the opportunity to take possession of what is theirs.

They are doing it by the thousands. About it all there is never a semblance of disorder, never a sign or desire to destroy their property—there is only a desire that amounts to the determination to use it and to benefit by its use.

SAYS LAND GRADERS DIDN'T CHOOSE PRISONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Flat denial of the report that Bartlett Richards, Will G. Constock, Charles C. Jameson and Aquilla Triplett, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government out of valuable Nebraska lands, were allowed to choose their own place of incarceration and to fit up their cells like clubrooms was made by Attorney General Wickes today.

"He said he had detailed a special examiner to investigate the charges.

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WORKERS' PARTNERS OF THE CAPITALISTS. Way to Solve the Problem, Says Woodrow Wilson. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 13.—Woodrow Wilson, Democratic Governor-elect of New Jersey, at the dinner of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association last night spoke on "Business and Politics."

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GARMENT MAKERS STUDY PEACE PLAN. Striker Shot by Scab—Debs Makes Stirring Appeal to Workers. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 13.—The garment workers, who have been on strike for weeks for the recognition of their union and a general improvement of conditions, today began taking a vote on peace proposals of the employers.

UNION LABEL GOODS. THE 793rd Div. of the Call and the Union Label Goods. SIG. KLEIN and Assistants.

CARRY AWAY LITTLE GIRL IN AUTOMOBILE. BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Lured by candy from the game she was playing with a chum, eight year old Marguerite Yergenson, granddaughter of Edgar Yergenson, Sr., of New York City, was carried off in an automobile today when she was near the home of her mother's friends, Mr. and Mrs. McAllister, of 799 Western avenue, Lynn.

MOTORMAN HURT WHEN CAR HITS AUTO TRUCK. An automobile truck of the Dwight-Church Manufacturing Company, of Greenpoint, which skidded yesterday in Bedford avenue, near North 14th street, Williamsburg, was run into by a crowded Erie Basin bound car of the crosstown line. Joseph Copper, of 92 Eagle street, was the motorman and there were about seventy passengers.

RUSSIA GRANTING CONCESSIONS TO JEWS. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—An Imperial order has been published approving a resolution recently adopted by the cabinet permitting Jewish mercantile enterprises to be carried out by Jews for residence. Heretofore legal residence of Jews had been restricted to that part of the Polish province and the Ukraine known as "the Pale."

TAMMANY HALL MOVES IN PERSON OF MURPHY. Tammany Hall moved uptown yesterday and is now located in the hobble skirt district, namely, at the northeast corner of 34th street and Fifth avenue. Tammany Hall did not physically move uptown, but Charles F. Murphy did, which amounts to the same thing.

LABOR UNION NOTES. Harry L. Cook and John Wolfinger, general organizers of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, have issued a circular telling why mill men should organize. It is as follows: "Brothers—This is the age of organization. The individual workman confronted by organized capital is perfectly helpless to better his condition, to get shorter hours or better pay for his labor."

IN FAILING HEALTH, COMMITS SUICIDE. Adolph Hut, a neckwear manufacturer at 543 Broadway, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting himself in the temple at his home in the El Nido apartment house at 121 St. Nicholas avenue.

HER \$8,000 NECKLACE COST HER \$17,063.35. The attempt to smuggle her \$8,000 necklace into this country cost Mrs. Ada F. C. Adriaene, wife of the Poughkeepsie banker and harvesting machinery manufacturer, \$17,063.35.

ANCIENT SOCIETY or Researches in the Lines of Human Progress: From Savagery Through Barbarism to Civilization. One American and only one is recognized by the universities of Europe as one of the world's greatest scientists. That American is Lewis H. Morgan, the author of this book.

Do you want people educated for the next election? "Let The Call do it." Join The Ten Thousand Call Club if you want to help.

INDIANS SAY THEY OWN BUFFALO PARK. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Some time ago Mr. and Mrs. John D. Larkin, of this city, acquired by purchase and turned over to Buffalo for park purposes a plot of ground known as the Seneca Indian burying ground. The property consists of about five acres and is in South Buffalo.

MISTAKES NIECE FOR BURGLAR; SHOOTS HER. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 13.—Mary Williamson, a school teacher of Encino, who lived with her uncle, W. A. Gray, on a homestead near that town, was shot and killed by Gray yesterday.

Acting Taught. L. K. Ford. DAIRY AND LUNCH ROOM. L. Schoenfeld. DAIRY AND LUNCH ROOM. Attention! Mass Meeting Of the Alteration Painters' and Paperhangers' Union.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Our local would like to make a contribution to the striking coal miners at Irwin, Pa. Would you please let us know to whom we may send our contribution? B. KLEWANS, Renovo, Pa.

PAIN CRAZED PATIENT ESCAPES AND RUNS MILE. WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 13.—While delirious from a wound caused by a revolver bullet, Charles Soars escaped from the Hasleton Hospital this morning, and with the thermometer clutched in his hand, ran through the streets of the town.

WHEN SHIPPING YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Ship your package by December 18 if possible. The express company will seal small labels to paste on the package, reading: "Don't open until Christmas!"

DEBS MAKES STRONG PLEA. Eugene V. Debs has sent an appeal for the striking garment workers and their cause. He says: "It seems to me that I can hear this startling cry from the North this winter night as I read the evening papers and the harrowing stories they contain about the striking and starving slaves of the sweatshops in the capitalist bedlam at the foot of the lake."

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CIGAR MAKERS SHOW SOLIDARITY OF LABOR. (Correspondence of The Call.) BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 13.—The Cigar Makers' Union of Boston at their last regular meeting, despite the fact that every member was assessed \$1.75 in aid of the Tampa cigar makers, donated \$25 to the striking teamsters of Hartford, Conn., and \$10 to the Free Home for Consumption of Boston.

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## THE RECONSTITUTED OLIGARCHY.

The nomination by the President, and the immediate confirmation by the Senate, of Edward Douglas White to the Chief Justice-ship of the United States has received the general approbation of the press of this city, Republican as well as Democratic.

Taken by itself, this fact does not indicate anything in particular. The press organs of capitalism would have been equally ready to express their approval of any other appointment that might have been made. They know the President to be a "safe and sane" man, and they know that he can always be relied upon to nominate none but "safe and sane" men to office, and particularly to the most exalted office next to his own.

But supposing the new Chief Justice to be a man of "statesmanlike" caliber, it does not necessarily follow that the opinions of the newly constituted Supreme Court will be "statesmanlike."

## PROFIT SHARING A LA MODE.

Yesterday we set forth in these columns the workings of profit sharing in its elementary form. But capitalism is no longer in its elementary stages. The great industries of the nation have passed from the control of the "captains of industry" to that of the magnates of finance.

Thus the profit sharing scheme of the Edison Electric Company of Brooklyn does not contemplate the payment to the workers at the end of the year of the share in the profits due to them.

These schemes for curing the workers of all independence of spirit and turning them into slavish tools of the great corporations, are becoming quite a fad with our financial magnates.

## HIGH POLITICS AND HIGH FINANCE.

The reason given out "officially" for the retirement of George W. Perkins from partnership in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. was his desire to devote his energies to the advancement of profit sharing—"a form of Socialism of the highest and most ideal sort."

## THE MILLS OF JUSTICE.—II.

By MOSES OPPENHEIMER.

In theory all offenses against the welfare of the social body are to be judged by true representatives of the community. Twelve men representing the people are to examine the charges against an individual and to determine, according to their unbiased and impartial finding, whether the charge is well founded and whether an offense has actually been committed against the welfare and safety of the community.

In the course of time we have departed very far from this ideal procedure. We have departed both as to procedure and as to the composition and jurisdiction of the jury.

The supreme function of the jury has been more and more restricted, its powers curtailed. In many states of the Union the jury is confined to the rendering of a verdict of guilty or not guilty, upon the facts of the case as presented to it during the trial.

The judge represents the law, the written statutes. He insists that the jury is bound to "take the law" from him. He even at times undertakes to set aside the jury's verdict, to direct it from the bench, or to dismiss a case without submitting it to the jury.

Everybody in court is required to rise. His Greatness enters and takes his seat on the bench. He may be, yes, often is, rather unpunctual. He offers neither explanation nor excuse for wasting the time of the jury, the lawyers and the waiting witnesses.

Now the court cries down out his monotonous mumble: "Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, mumble-mumble-mumble, ye hear!" Then another attendant shouts at the standing multitude: "All be seated!"

Thus the court is opened. The jury has no share in the ceremony. Up to this point it is merely a part of the common herd, hustled about and hectoried by the court attendants who take orders only from the judge, not from the jury.

## JERICO.

By FRANKLIN KENT GIFFORD.

The city of Jericho is the city of the strong; And the walls of Jericho are the ramparts of the wrong;

They have overthrown the altars which were raised to truth and right; They have carved and raised an idol with grinning face of Might;

They have trampled down the harvests that were sown by you and me; They have trampled out the fires on the hearthstones of the free;

They are coming, they are coming, O ye men of Jericho, And your walls are old and rotten, they shall fall without a blow;

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## NEW YORK CITY—WHAT TO DO.

By FRANK BOHN.

The labor movement of New York is a disgrace to a civilized community at the beginning of the twentieth century. We have not time to dwell upon it now. Some day there will be in New York a labor movement which has numbers, spirit, a definite revolutionary purpose, and hence power.

The Socialist movement of this city will sweep onward to victory some day from one of two possible causes. Either its million and a half of workers, organized on the industrial field, will support the party, or falling short of victory by the remainder of the country, when fifty cities and a dozen states are carried by the party.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### THE THIRD DEGREE.

Editor of The Call: Much vague talk has been going on for years in the press as well as elsewhere about the methods of the police, referred to as the third degree. It is assumed that in order to obtain confessions from persons arrested under suspicion, physical violence and actions closely akin to torture are resorted to in secret by the police.

At last a committee of the United States senate, with Senator Brandegee as chairman, has been appointed to make a thorough investigation, since the Constitution guarantees due "process of law," which guarantee would be destroyed if the third degree actually is what rumor asserts.

The difficulties of such an investigation are uncommonly great. As a rule the victims of the third degree are among the down-and-out, hard to be reached. And yet, without the direct testimony of such victims the work of the committee must end in failure and a whitewashing report.

MOSES OPPENHEIMER. New York, Dec. 12, 1910.

### TO PROTEST AGAINST POLITICAL MASSACRE.

Editor of The Call: I am so glad to see Comrade Debs' suggestion in today's Call that a mammoth meeting be held in New York and a committee of men and women of character and decision be sent to Washington in behalf of Dr. Kotoku and his Comrades.

Words of cheer. Editor of The Call: Herewith I gladly send you another \$1 to continue my subscription; also please let me know how far it runs, so I can renew at the proper time.

OUR DEPLORABLE PARTISANSHIP. Editor of The Call: I read in your edition of today the article entitled "Reckless Money to Influence Clergy," and wish to enter a vigorous protest against the crude, yellow and (from journalistic point of view) decency lacking attack upon Rev. Thomas R. Slicer.

Hotel employees in New York. Editor of The Call: The life of hotel employes in New York is not near as nice as it is cracked up to be. Of course, I do not mean managers, clerks, foremen, or bosses, but all the other help, such as waiters, doormen, watchmen, porters, man and maid servants.

Attacks child labor law. Editor of The Call: An intimate friend of mine told me of having been to mass in his church last Sunday, and among other things handed out by the priest, attention was called to a poor widow who had a girl big enough to go to work, and through the priest an intermediary a permit was sought, but the impudent inspector or official declared that the law was supreme and that the law forbids children under seventeen years of age to work in factories.

Interested. "What did the phinoceros do you fired at him?" asked the listener. "He just stood still and watched me run."—Washington Evening Star.

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### LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

### AUTUMN EVENING.

 By W. E. Van Trumbull. (From the French.) And the day is slowly fading, And the faint cathedral lights Glimmer in the dusky distance.

Where the white clouds bank the moon, Stroked with silver by the moon, One white swan is flying southwest.

### VIVACIOUS.

 "Mama, the duke has proposed. When did you see him?" "Oh, I haven't seen him. I had a telephone from papa."—Life.

### GRASSHOPPER AND THE ANT.

 When the cold weather began a grasshopper called at the home of an ant.

### THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

 Editor of The Call: I have been told that during the insurance investigations a few years ago it was brought out that the insurance companies furnished a house at Albany, N. Y., with wines, etc., in which they also placed women of the benefit of the legislators.

### NIGHT COURTS FOR NATURALIZATION.

 Editor of The Call: Under Socialist News you will find an announcement that a naturalization bureau has been established by Branch 2, 234 Assembly district, Kings county.

### BEFORE THE GRINGO CAME.

 Before the Gringo came, senior, We were most happy here; The blue waves sparkled and the shore Seemed green instead of sear;

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### WILLING TO RISK IT.

 Uncle—My dear boy, it's a fact the bacilli on paper money has caused many a death before now. Nephew—Well, uncle, you might have a few notes. I'm very fond of life.—Fliegende Blaetter.

### SETTLED.

 Angry Creditor—Young man, you, for the last time, are you going to pay me that \$6 you owe me? Young Man—Thank you, there's an end to that silly question.—Sydney Bulletin.

### SHE APPRECIATED IT.

 "Was your husband kind during your illness?" "Indeed? Oh, indeed, ma'am, he was more like a neighbor than just some doctor's hands."—Littell's Living Age.