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CZAR IS BEATEN BY REFUGEE

Fedorenko Released From Custody—Welcomed by Friends.

HE MUST STILL WAIT

Requisition Papers Expected to Arrive From Russia Next Week.

(Special to The Call.)

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 19.—Sava Fedorenko, the Russian revolutionist, who on August 20 was thrown in jail at the behest of the Russian government, and while being discharged on this charge on December 17 was re-arrested on another charge, was today discharged from custody on the point that there was no requisition papers from Russia.

His defenders have been given to understand that such a requisition will arrive about the 23d inst.

Meanwhile Fedorenko is being taken care of by his friends here, who are rejoicing that he is yet spared from the clutches of the czar.

Russia's Crafty Efforts.

Fedorenko's release is due to the energetic work carried by the Political Refugees' Defense League of America and other organizations who also prevented the deportation of Jan Smolton Fouran and Christian Rudowitz in the hands of the Russian hangmen.

Fedorenko was charged with killing a soldier in Pawlovka, the southern part of Russia. Besides this the government also pressed six other charges against him. From the day of his arrest, Fedorenko admitted that he took an active part in the revolution, but the Russian authorities, as a subterfuge, demanded his deportation on the charge of murder.

When the reactionary forces began to rule in Russia Fedorenko was compelled to leave his country and traveled until he landed in Canada.

On August 20 he was arrested and arraigned before Chief Justice Mathers, who held him for deportation to Russia. Disregarding the numerous protest meetings held in the United States and Canada, Minister of Justice Aylesworth, when appealed to give an opinion in the case, said that the action of Chief Justice Mathers, who held that the killing of a soldier was not a political offense, but a criminal one, was justified.

But the Socialist organizations who took up the fight to save Fedorenko from the hands of the czar's hangmen, the Russian Freedom League and the Political Refugees' Defense League of America, did not pay attention to Aylesworth's opinion, and opened a widespread agitation for his release. Collections were taken up in every part of the country to defray the costs of lawyers and other things. Mass meetings were called in every part of the country and everywhere resolutions were adopted demanding that Fedorenko should not be handed over to the clutches of the czar.

Called Once Before.

Fedorenko has already tasted Russian life once before. In the spring of 1905 he fled to Galicia. He remained there for a short while and came back to Russia under an assumed name. He remained at liberty but for a short time, when he was arrested and thrown into prison.

All persons being overcrowded with political offenders he was admitted to bail, and then he fled, finally landing in Canada.

JURY AWARDS \$17,500 FOR INJURED SPINE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The second largest verdict ever reported by a Erie county jury in negligence case was returned this afternoon in favor of Peter Larson and against the Lackawanna Steel Company.

Larson gets \$17,500 for injuries to his spine sustained while working for the company two years ago. He was caught and whirled around a shaft. This was the second trial of the case. Larson got only \$1,000 at the first trial and the Appellate Division at Rochester set aside the verdict and ordered a new trial on a technicality.

OFFERS TO OPERATE CENTRE STREET SUBWAY

The Manhattan Bridge Three-cent line anticipated the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company by a few hours yesterday in placing in the hands of the Public Service Commission shortly after noon an offer for the operation of the Centre street subway in connection with the Brooklyn, Manhattan and Williamsburg bridges, and the company's original route in Brooklyn, terminating at the Atlantic avenue subway station. Willingness is expressed to change transfers with other companies, both in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The first application to the city for a franchise contemplated operation in Manhattan through Canal street to the North river. The city officials assured the new company that it could obtain its franchise without trouble, provided it could procure the right to run cars through Canal street. After several efforts to enter into an agreement with the companies holding the Canal street franchises the Manhattan bridge line was forced to the conclusion that it had come in contact with a stone wall.

POSSE HAS GUN FIGHT WITH STORE ROBBERS

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Dec. 19.—One man is dead and two others are in the county jail here today as the result of a battle between a posse of citizens and three men who robbed a general store at Clifton, near here. Nothing was heard of the men after the robbery until a party of boys reported that the bandits were imprisoned in a dugout northeast of Clifton. The boys had come upon them men and covering them with their .22 caliber rifles had sent one of their number into town for help. By the time the posse arrived, however, the robbers had compelled the lads to assist in hiding the loot. The posse followed them for nearly four miles when the bandits turned, and using the bodies of the lads as shields, opened fire.

W. H. Harrison, of Clifton, who was leading the posse, despite the fact that two of his sons were being held by the bandits, returned the fire and killed the leader, after which the other two surrendered.

SCHOONER SINKS; CREW OF 14 IS SAVED

ROCKLAND, Me., Dec. 19.—The fishing schooner Mattana, hailing from East Boston, was lost last night on Bay Ledges, near Fox Island, about ten miles from here. Captain Edward Bishop, of East Boston, and his crew of fourteen took to three of the schooner's dories. One dory was rowed ashore. The men in the other two were picked up by the schooner Olive Spurling and were brought into Rockland early today.

The only fatality due to the wreck was that of Allen V. Sylvester, night watchman of the Rockland Towboat Company. He was overcome by excitement when the news of the wreck arrived on shore and expired soon after.

MILWAUKEE WORKING FOR HOME RULE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.—The Milwaukee Socialist administration today swung through the city council twenty-seven resolutions asking for that number of bills in the legislature permitting Milwaukee to undertake new enterprises, which the Socialists cannot now take up, owing to the lack of state laws permitting the city to enter private business.

Noteworthy among these bills were those providing for municipal packing houses, municipal ice houses, and one blanket bill allowing the city to take over any public utility without specific legislative authorization. The Socialists want absolute home rule for Milwaukee, and these bills are drawn with this in mind.

50 EXPLOSIONS CAUSED BY "MIXED" KEROSENE

READSBORO, Vt., Dec. 19.—The authorities here today began an investigation of the sale of kerosene and gasoline, as the result of the sale of the product a few days ago, resulting in more than fifty explosions in homes.

Many persons were seriously burned by the explosions, a dozen houses damaged, several stores wrecked, when people tried to start fires with the mixtures, and Mrs. George Johnson, who tried to light her fire with it, was so badly burned that physicians today thought she would die. Horace Jilison was hurt by his exploding stove and house damaged by fire.

N. B. Billings, the village storekeeper, today declared that the oil company returned him a kerosene barrel filled with gasoline.

JOBLESS MAN TRIES TO END LIFE WITH BULLET

Out of work and despondent, Frederick Steiert, twenty-five years old, shot himself in his room at 316 Bloomfield street, Hoboken, yesterday, with a magazine revolver, and is not expected to recover.

The bullet entered his head over the left eye. He is in St. Mary's Hospital. He left two letters, one addressed to Mrs. and Mrs. Dambacher, with whom he lived, and the other to a brother, who lives in California.

GOMPERS BEGS GOV. OF PENN. FOR HELP

Asks Investigation of Terrible Conditions in Irwin Coal Field.

(Special to The Call.)

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has directed a letter to Governor Stuart asking him to investigate conditions in the Irwin coal field in Westmoreland county, where a desperate strike has been in progress for nine months.

The state to which these brave mine workers and their families are reduced is terrible. For months hundreds of people have been living in tents with starvation staring them in the face day by day. Still their spirit is untamed.

When an investigating committee recently visited the camps in this district they were surprised to find how firmly the miners had made up their minds to stay out.

One camp visited was Salemville. Here the committee interviewed James Camper, Charles Kalina and Anton Yellig. All the men interviewed denied that any outside influence had brought about the strike, that the oppression of the operators was alone responsible and that they were out to remain until relief was assured and the strike settled.

At this camp the women were even more pronounced in their condemnation of the operators and in strong language declared that they would not permit their husbands to return to work under the old conditions, using force, if necessary, to prevent them from doing so.

The wonderful spirit of determination shown by these people in the face of the many hardships endured, proof of which was everywhere visible, made a deep and lasting impression on the members of the committee.

One witness testifying before the committee from the Iron City Trades Council said that the men came out of their mines in reduced and the size of cars constantly increased. Day workers averaged about \$1.00 for ten hours, while miners earned about \$2 per day for fourteen hours. The men were compelled to patronize company stores and called on the carpet if caught buying elsewhere.

In his home town, Latrobe, the men were even compelled to drink certain brands of beer. About 3,500 men in that town met and decided to strike even before they were organized.

Another witness said that the men were simply forced to strike for their own protection, wages were reduced from 60 cents in 1905 to 58 cents in 1910. They were also compelled to pay 5 cents per day for safety lamps. They had no checkweighmen. The men were cheated by the company securing from 25 to 30 wagons of coal bonus each day.

JAILING OF EDITORS OPENS BIG FIGHT

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—The imprisonment of the editors of the Seattle Star for contempt of court will be the basis of a big fight at the next session of the state legislature.

A movement was started today to present bills to both houses depriving judges of the right to try contempt cases occurring in their own courts, and abolishing what is called "constructive contempt"—contempt outside of the courtroom. These bills are being drawn up by persons sympathizing with the Star editors.

Protests against the action of Judge Gilliam in sentencing Editor Bandors and Managing Editor Allen have been received from all parts of the country and the Star today published more than one hundred telegrams from other newspapers, urging the paper to "keep up the fight."

TROUBLE FEARED IN GARY LABOR DISPUTE

GARY, Ind., Dec. 19.—Twenty-five Gary policemen and the auto patrol, under the command of Captain Gustave Newman, went to the Union station today to escort fifty Chicago union lathers and steamfitters who are imported to Gary employers to take the places of the crafts that will not work. The Chicago men will work only under police guard.

Trouble is feared, as the labor disputes in Lake county have already resulted in one murder and several shooting and slugging scrapes.

The labor troubles are due to a war between two factions of the electrical union. Plumbers, lathers, steamfitters and roofers are out in sympathy with one faction and the employers have been doing their work.

WORKERS IN MANHOLE OVERCOME BY GAS

FREEMONT, L. I., Dec. 19.—John Shamkin and a helper named McShane, from Brooklyn, cable workers employed by the New York Telephone Company, were overcome by illuminating gas while working in a manhole here today.

They were carried from the hole unconscious and a physician had to work on them for some time before they recovered.

Excelsior Fire Neat Library

DIAZ'S GENERALS RETREAT BEFORE VICTORIOUS REBELS

200 Federals Fall in Second Decisive Fight.

A COMPLETE ROUT

Mexican Government Either Suppresses or Distorts News of Battle.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 19.—Reports from the Chihuahua district of Mexico today declare that the federal troops are again in retreat, following a second decisive victory of the revolutionists.

Efforts to determine the loss on either side have failed to confirm a report that fully 200 federals were slain.

The engagement took place west of Chihuahua City yesterday, General Hernandez being in command of the Diaz troops. Hernandez and Navarro, federal generals, leading their combined armies, were routed from that district Friday. Fierce fighting began yesterday morning and continued throughout the day, resulting in the routing of the federals.

Although two weeks ago it appeared the government had succeeded in crushing the revolutionary movement, all indications today are that the rebel propaganda are having increasing effect over the republic. President Diaz has ordered troops poured into Chihuahua, determined to overwhelm the insurrectionists.

Related reports today from Lajunta are that the rebel victory of Friday was more pronounced than first reported. Fully 1,000 federal soldiers perished in that engagement, while the rebel losses were comparatively small, according to today's advices.

Fighting at Many Points.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 19.—That the fighting continues west of Chihuahua is certain. Even the Mexican federal officials admit this, but the federal officials are as much in the dark about it as the average individual, for all wires are cut and trains due since last Thursday are still tied up along the El Paso Northwestern railroad.

Efforts to take troops over the road caused the insurgents to tear up the track. There has been fighting all around La Junta and Pedernales, and there have been heavy losses on both sides.

Rumors persist in having it that the Federals have been defeated. The last official report from the Federals claimed victory.

Colonel Augustin Martinez reports that Thursday, at 5 p.m., he took possession of San Andres, dislodging a party of rebels, whose numbers he was unable to ascertain.

They retreated, leaving in his hands a Winchester, 300 cartridges, 22 horses, a camera outfit, and field glasses, which the rebels took last week from F. A. Somerfeld, a photographer of Chihuahua.

The Federals lost a sergeant killed. General Navarro marched from Cerro Prieto to Pedernales without meeting any opposition. He reports, but there has been heavy fighting around Pedernales since then.

Chiefs Among the Slain.

According to Mexican official reports, among the slain rebel chiefs is Francisco Salda, who belonged to a prominent family in Chihuahua and inherited a large fortune from his grandfather; Tadeo Vasquez, Jose G. Rochin, Antonio Frias and Pasqual Oroseco (Hijo), chiefs, are also among the dead.

WHY MEXICANS DISLIKE THE UNITED STATES

Realize That "Our" Financial Interests Are Sucking the Life Blood Out of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Don Juan Sanchez Azcona, one time student at Heidelberg and the University of Paris, once a newspaper man, Mexican congressman, and former friend of Porfirio Diaz, who is now in the District of Columbia jail awaiting extradition proceedings on what is alleged to be a trumped-up charge of "swindling," gives a striking insight into political conditions into Mexico in his own story of how and why he became a revolutionist. The story is here repeated exactly as he told it. He spoke to a representative.

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PITTSBURG PAPERS NOT SILENT ANY MORE

"Let Loose" on Werner Scandal, Fearing Being Beaten Again.

(Special to The Call.)

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—The very newest, ill smelling scandal here is that involving the charges against John Werner, a prominent business man, whose wife trailed him to a house where she found him with a young woman.

In marked contrast to their silence in connection with the Mellon case, the local papers are going to revolve extremes in describing the affair. Werner's connections are not quite so wide as were those of Mellon's.

Evidently the Pittsburg papers are not going to let The Call show them up again as mercilessly as it did in the Mellon scandal. Many persons are openly saying that they are now afraid of The Call.

The flood of "news" that is now being poured out in regard to the Werner case is laughable to those who recall the dense silence that prevailed during the Mellon trial.

A dollar a piece was offered for copies of The Call the day of the Mellon verdict, and the business and commercial world was in an uproar. A story was published in the Chicago American, presumably inspired by the Mellons, announcing the verdict of the jury in scare head lines, without mentioning even the crime of which he was charged.

These were sold in front of the Mellon National Bank without any protest being made and evidently for the purpose of offsetting The Call's publication.

The local papers could not publish the jury verdict after The Call's arrival without giving the whole thing away, so the Chicago American was brought in for that purpose. Seven thousand copies were sent to this city.

PROMINENT PITTSBURGER HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—John Werner, treasurer of the Werner & Sons Co., and one of the most prominent young business men of Pittsburg, who was tracked by his young wife and arrested when found in company with a woman who gave her name as Mabel Carr, today waived a hearing and gave \$300 bail for his appearance in Criminal Court on charges of violating the criminal code. The charges were sworn to by Mrs. Werner this morning. Werner's companion also waived a hearing and gave the same bail on like charges.

The arrest of Werner and the woman was the sequel to months of work by private detectives employed by Mrs. Werner to shadow her husband, culminating to an all night pursuit of the taxicab in which he and the woman were riding. After the couple entered a rooming house, Mrs. Werner summoned police, who entered the room in which the two were captured.

SILVERMAN WON'T BE DEPORTED, AFTER ALL

The case of Harry Silverman, whom the state board of charities sought to have deported to Russia because he was sick and penniless, was tried on habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Seabury yesterday morning, in Part II. of the Supreme Court. Silverman has been in this country four and a half years, and Mr. Rothenberg of Jacob Panken's law office, claimed that the state law under which the state board sought to act, was illegal as it conflicts with the United States law, saying that an alien cannot be deported after being three years in the country. Judge Seabury upheld Rothenberg's contention, and Silverman was released.

FIVE KILLED AND SCORE BURNED IN MINE HORROR

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Five men are reported dead and more than a score badly burned as the result of an explosion today in the Consolidation Coal Company's mine, at Clifton, near here, and two miles from where hundreds of men lost their lives in Monongah Mine No. 8 three years ago.

About fifty men were working at the time the explosion occurred. The cause of the explosion has been withheld by the coal company. It is believed to have taken place in connection with a premature shot.

TWO BAD FOOD MEN FINED; ONE JAILED

Jacob Newman, a baker at 1911 Second avenue, was convicted in Special Sessions yesterday of using bad foodstuffs and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$75 or serve thirty days in prison.

He did not have the money and was locked up.

EXPLOSION HURLS 10 PERSONS TO DEATH

100 People Injured by Terrific Blast Which Destroys Railroad Power House and Shakes Town

DESPERATE DENIALS OF DYNAMITE

New York Central Officials and City Authorities Hastily Assert Gas Tank Was Cause, While Standing Amid Scenes of Widespread Wreck and Ruin.

In the most terrible accident of the kind that has ever occurred in New York, ten persons were killed and nearly 100 were injured, many of them maimed for life, in an explosion which wrecked the power house of the New York Central Railroad at the southwest corner of 50th street and Lexington avenue yesterday morning.

According to all indications the explosion was due to 700 pounds of dynamite which lay about the premises.

Strangely enough, the Police Department, the District Attorney's office and all other officials who have begun an investigation into the explosion united with the officials of the New York Central in ascribing the cause of the explosion not to dynamite, but to an explosion of a Pintech gas tank, thus clearing the officials of the company from any blame for the death of the ten and the injuries to the hundreds of injured working men and women.

Late yesterday evening Detective Sergeant Van Twister, from the Central Office, in charge of three other detectives, took in custody William A. Whitell, 207 Willis avenue, Bronx, who has been in charge of the gas tank at the power house of the New York Central for the last nineteen years.

Whitell was injured in the explosion by flying glass. He escaped death by having been some two blocks away from the power house.

Whitell was taken to the East 51st street station, where he was questioned by District Attorney Lavel for several hours.

After some time, Detective Sergeant C. Van Twister, came out of the room where the man was questioned, and said to the newspaper men that the cause of the explosion will be fixed as gas and not dynamite. Whitell, Van Twister said, stated on examination that at 6:30 yesterday morning he discovered that gas was leaking and began an investigation. While he was about the investigating the explosion occurred.

700 Pounds of Dynamite.

The guilt or blame, according to the views expressed by the detective sergeant, will, therefore, most likely be fixed upon the watchmen who, instead of shutting off the gas at once upon discovering that it was leaking, went about investigating first.

A reporter from one of the leading capitalist dailies in New York, who is considered an expert in police reporting, then asked Detective Van Twister about the dynamite theory which was given out earlier in the day. The detective, in the hearing of The Call reporter, stated to him that it was positively learned that there was 700 pounds of dynamite on the premises last Saturday.

Thereupon the reporter from the capitalist paper volunteered the information to Van Twister, that Engineer Sabin, of the New York Central, told him earlier in the day that 500 pounds of dynamite was removed from the premises of the explosion five minutes after the explosion occurred.

The detective knew that, too, or at least he nodded as if he knew. However, the official verdict was that gas and not dynamite caused the explosion.

Several officers in the station who were pointed out as the men in possession of information were asked about the dynamite story. Each one of them, however, insisted that it was gas that caused the explosion. The latest editions of several evening papers, stating definitely that dynamite was discovered at the scene of the explosion were then shown to the

officers, and their reply was there was nothing to the dynamite stories, that the reporters must have dreamed them.

Denial From Brown.

In the face of the statement of Detective Sergeant Van Twister, who said that 700 pounds of dynamite was on the premises where the explosion occurred, and that the New York Central had a permit for the dynamite, the following flat denial from President William C. Brown, of the New York Central, that there was no dynamite in or about the building where the explosion occurred, is commented.

President Brown said last night: "There was no dynamite in or about the building where the explosion occurred, and there never has been any there."

Earlier in the day a brief statement about the explosion was sent out from Vice President C. F. Daley's office, which read:

"A careful investigation made by Chief Engineer Kiltredge, Construction Engineer Harwood, Electrical Engineer and Manager Whaley, of the Grand Central terminal, indicates that the explosion was the result of an explosion backing over a bumping post in the explosion, were then shown to the from which penetrated the lower part of the substitution power house and ignited from some cause unknown."

List of the Dead.

The dead who have been identified so far are:

POPE, MARY E., 124 East 40th street, passenger in northbound Lexington avenue car wrecked by explosion.

OFFNER, EDITH, 344 East street; killed in wreck of car; body by her brother Jack; body removed to home.

LIVERMORE, V. D., fifty years, inspector of the electrical operating department of the New York Central.

JORDAN, PATRICK, forty-eight years old, 200 East 45th street.

RYAN, James fifty-three years old, 163d street and St. Ann's avenue, Bronx; body identified by brother-in-law.

M'BARROW, M., fifty-three years old, 458 West 18th street; between Second and Third avenues.

STAGG, THOMAS, watchman employed by the New York Central; unknown.

McDONALD, B., employed by New York Central; address unknown.

GALLUCHI, NICOLA, thirty-three years old, 327 East 108th street, identified in Imperial Hotel; identified by brother-in-law.

ROBERTS, CHARLES, forty-two years old, 424 East 62d street; employed by an Express Company; identified by his pocket.

List of the Injured.

Yetta Abrahamson, fifty-one, 1687 Third avenue; fractures and internal injuries; to Bellevue Hospital; E. J. Armstrong, 135 East street, minor injuries; Joseph J. 366 East 174th street, injured left arm; John Bowden, twenty-two, 458 West 18th street; James J. twenty, 237 East 54th street; Hospital; John Bryant, 257 1/2 avenue, to Flower Hospital; Charles laborer, 223 Second avenue; broken; James Burns, 18th Avenue, 33rd street, right leg broken; New York Hospital; Daniel forty-four, 197 Guernsey, Brooklyn, fractured skull; Hospital; William Campbell, 49th street; Philip Christman, 161st street; Louis Christman, 552 West 48th street, to Flower Hospital; Louise Christian, 48th street, head lacerations.

Thomas Collins, twenty-two, East 76th street, "third-rail" on body and possibly internal injuries to St. Vincent's Hospital; John Coyne, twenty-five years, 141 1/2 191st street, lacerations of head; Cunningham, fifty-two, 418 Avenue, burned, in critical condition; Marie Curtis, thirty-two, 48th street; Maurice Curtis, nine, 208 East 49th street, to Hospital; Miss I. Dolan, 123 1/2 street, to Flower Hospital; Duffy, forty-seven, 230 1/2 street, chief of 1st battalion, 2nd and head; James Dunn, twenty, 1949 Concourse, to Flower Hospital; Ethel Evans, forty-three, 3rd street, lacerated head and neck; Thomas Fitzgerald, 122 1/2 street, New York; Thomas J. 224 East 47th street; St. Vincent's Hospital; 384 Prospect avenue, at police station.

Margaret A. Ryan, 123 1/2 street, to Flower Hospital.

HOPE TO PREVENT SOCIALIST VICTORY

Minneapolis Business Men Favor Commission Form of Government for City.

(Special Correspondence.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 19.—That the Minneapolis capitalists and old party politicians are greatly in fear that the Socialists will carry the city at the next election, is shown by their move in favor of the commission form of government. At the recent election, Thomas Van Lear, the Socialist candidate for mayor, came very near being elected, and the business men got the scare of their lives. They think that if commission government is introduced here that it will at least serve to put off the Socialist victory for a few years longer.

The following from the Minneapolis Evening Tribune tells very frankly why the business men desire the new form of government:

"Preliminary plans to secure a commission form of government for Minneapolis are being made by H. A. Tuttle, president of the Commercial Club, who has just returned from Washington, where he attended the meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

"According to Mr. Tuttle a conference will be called to take up an active campaign to secure this form of city government that was discussed at a meeting last June, when J. F. Conklin, president of the Minneapolis real estate board; W. L. Harris, president of the Publicity Club, and J. L. Lynch, president of the Minneapolis Retail Dealers Association, were present.

"According to Mr. Tuttle, the commission form of government as it is worked out in Des Moines was the object of much attention from the commission form committee, but the plan has been dormant until today. Since the recent election and the close run made by Thomas Van Lear, the Socialist candidate, the Minneapolis business men are alive to the necessity of guarding Minneapolis against a Socialist government. Just when the proposition will be placed before the citizens will be decided soon.

"Another meeting, similar to the one held last June, will take place. It is believed, however, a larger delegation of Minneapolis citizens will be present. The entire situation will be canvassed, the entire mechanism of the commission form will be gone over, in order that every man in the city will be able to participate in its consummation. Tuttle expresses himself as strongly in favor of the Des Moines plan, and said that in view of the recent city election, result, the time is ripe for action."

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TIEFENBACHER—Etalka B. Tiefenbacher, beloved wife, mother and aunt. Funeral from her late residence, 238 West 154th street, Wednesday, December 21, 1910, at 1 p.m. Thomas B. Tiefenbacher, husband; William Pollack, son; Elizabeth and Ilona, nieces. 12-20-21

CHRISTMAS IS COMING
Are you going to send presents to your friends? That is what people usually do at CHRISTMAS TIME. If you are going to send tokens of love to your friends and relations do you realize that a subscription card for THE CALL is just about the best thing you could possibly use? As a Socialist it is your life's work to spread the principles of Socialism. Why not use Christmas as a club to slap the Capitalists in the solar plexus? THE CALL IS A VERY USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT. It is more than an ornament. It does good work in the interests of the working class. If YOU wish to help the cause of SOCIALISM use THE CALL subscription cards for Christmas gifts. Don't fail to do that. You also give THE CALL a good boost should you use our sub cards as Christmas gifts to your friends. And, in passing, we would like to repeat again the fact that those who are in our contest for a ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR MONARCH TYPEWRITER should keep on hustling for all they are worth. Don't let up for one precious day. Keep at it. That is the only way you can hope to win that splendid machine. In a few days the contest will be over. The result, in a great measure, depends on the amount of energy expended during the last few days of this contest. Keep at it. By working hard you may be the winner of that machine that is worth every cent of a hundred dollars.

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MAIL ORDER HOUSES TO FIGHT PARCELS POST

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The American League of Associations, a powerful combination of leading mercantile houses throughout the country, has started a campaign against the proposed establishment of local rural parcels post service, and a big fund is available to fight the bill now before Congress.

For more than a year the organization has been in the process of formation, but heretofore all its movements have been marked with secrecy. Now everything is in readiness for action and the personnel of the organization is disclosed.

Edward B. Butler of Butler Brothers is president of the association; George H. Partridge, vice president, and D. R. Forgan, president of the National City Bank, is its treasurer. Chicago members of the board of governors are D. I. Williams, of Marshall Field & Co.; H. B. Lyford of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.; T. H. Fullerton of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.; F. E. French of the John V. Farwell Company; Howard Elting of Williams & Elting Company, and E. B. Moon of Butler Brothers. According to Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Moon, the association has a total membership of about 300.

The members of the association do a wholesale mail order business, and are aiming their fight against the retail mail order houses. The apparent purpose of the campaign, according to the promoters, is to save the country merchant from elimination.

The burden of the association's argument appears to be that while under the present post service it costs a retail mail order house perhaps 24 cents to mail its catalogue, the cost would be reduced to 10 and perhaps 5 cents under the proposed improvement, and put the retail mail order merchant in closer touch with the ultimate consumer.

BAKER, OUT OF WORK, JUMPS FROM WINDOW

Abraham Berlitz, a baker out of work, of 97 Orchard street, had just pressed a razor against his throat yesterday when his wife entered the apartment. She grappled with him and tried to get possession of the razor, and the two wrestled all through the three rooms, breaking furniture and leaving a trail of blood. The husband finally pulled his wife to the rear window, pushed her aside and jumped out, landing on the brick pavement two stories below. He was instantly killed.

While an ambulance doctor from Gouverneur Hospital was examining the body Mrs. Berlitz became hysterical. When the body was brought upstairs she seized a sharp kitchen knife and hacked at her wrist until Policeman Donovan, of the Eldridge street station, stopped her. She also required medical attendance. She says that her husband has been despondent over the loss of his job.

TWO MINERS KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Two miners were killed by an explosion of gas in the Middleton mine of the Consolidated Coal Company, ten miles from Fairmont, today.

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EARTHQUAKE SINKS ISLAND; 170 LOST

Nearly All Inhabitants Go Down When Isle Disappears in Night.

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PORT LIMON, Costa Rica, Dec. 19.—Word from Salvador has just reached here announcing the sinking of a small island in the Dopango lagoon, following an earthquake shock. It is asserted that nearly all of the inhabitants, about seventy families, were killed.

The sinking of the island is said to have followed a series of earthquake shocks, which were felt throughout the republic. The shocks began early in the evening and grew in frequency and violence as night progressed until about midnight, when the watchers on the shores heard the sound of guns from the people on the island. Shortly after that a huge bonfire was lighted on the island, and at about 1 o'clock a boatload of frightened women and children reached the mainland.

Sinks Under Their Feet.

The survivors reported that other boats were coming as fast as they could be filled, as the island was slowly sinking under the feet of the inhabitants. The boatmen of the mainland were appealed to to send aid, but in view of the continued shocks and the steadily increasing violence of the sea in the lagoon the boatmen were afraid.

Indeed, there was no time. While they were debating says the story, another and more violent tremor shook the mainland, and the fire and other lights on the island vanished. In the morning not a vestige of the island remained. In all it is estimated that about 170 perished.

GOV'M'T MAJORITY 126 AS ELECTION ENDS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The new parliament is complete with the exception of three seats which are being contested today. In only one of these constituencies, Wickburghs, in Scotland, for which the sitting member, R. Munro, a Liberal, is there any possibility of change, and so the house of commons will be made up of 272 or 273 Unionists, 270 or 271 Liberals, 84 Irish Nationalists and 43 Labor members. This will make a coalition aggregation of 397 or 398, giving the government a coalition majority of 124, the same as it had in the preceding parliament, or a majority of 126 over the unionists.

The three previously unannounced returns from Saturday's pollings were made known today. They show no change. The Wilton division of Wiltshire returned Charles Bathurst, Unionist, with a majority of 587. John A. M. MacDonald and Sir John Henry Bethell, both Liberals, were re-elected in Falkirk Burghs and Romford division of Essex, respectively, with majorities of 2,031 and 3,269.

EARLY MAILING OF CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Postmaster Morgan suggests that on account of the enormous quantities of letters, parcels and cards of greeting deposited in the general postoffice and postoffice stations in this city, because of the Christmas holiday, as much of this and other mail matter as possible be mailed in the early part of this week, so that it may be handled and dispatched before Christmas, and thus prevent congestion of the mails, which is liable to occur if the same is not posted until the day before Christmas. This action will not only assist the postoffice in its efforts to promptly deliver the mail, but will result in increased satisfaction to the public.

GALLAGHER'S CASE COMES UP TODAY

James J. Gallagher, the would-be slayer of Mayor Gaynor, will be called for trial this morning in the Court of Quarter Sessions, Jersey City, on an indictment charging him with assault on Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards with intent to kill, but it is believed there will be a halt in the proceedings before an attempt is made to secure a panel of twelve struck jurors.

Lawyer Alexander Simpson, Gallagher's counsel, intends to make an application to the court for the taking of testimony to determine whether the defendant is mentally balanced, holding that he is suffering from senile dementia, and, therefore, is unfit to be put on trial. If the court decides to inquire into Gallagher's sanity the trial will go on and the attorneys will tell the stories of their observations of the prisoner.

VOTE SHELVED IN SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The senate committee on judiciary today postponed until after the holidays consideration of a report made by a subcommittee in favor of the election of United States senators by popular vote. Similar action was taken with regard to the nominations for commerce court officials.

CHARGES FOR PULLMAN BERTHS ARE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The well-to-do traveling public will save more than \$1,500,000 annually as the result of an order issued by the interstate commerce commission today, reducing the charge for upper Pullman berths to 80 per cent of the charge made for lower berths.

INSURANCE COMPANIES LIABLE.

Insurance companies shall be directly liable to the injured employe for the amounts due in this act. During the first two weeks of disability no payments shall be made, but the employer shall provide necessary medical treatment.

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COMPENSATION LAW FOR MASSACHUSETTS

State Plans Law for All Injuries in Nearly All Cases.
BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The commission created by the last legislature to investigate the subject of compensating workmen for injuries received in the course of their employment and to report to the next legislature a plan for adoption in Massachusetts has prepared a tentative draft of a bill.

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DIAZ'S GENERALS RETREAT BEFORE VICTORIOUS REBELS

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tive of the United Press through an interpreter. Though he is familiar with the French, German, Italian and Spanish, he knows no English.

By JUAN SANCHEZ AZCONA.
If the people of the United States could realize what has been done to Mexicans by their own government during the past ten years, the present American protection which keeps Porfirio Diaz on his throne, for it is a throne, would be withdrawn, and within a few months, weeks perhaps, a new government, which would be of the people, would be installed.

I am a revolutionist. It is for that reason, and no other, that I am in jail. I am charged with "swindling," but all Mexico knows that I am innocent. All Mexico knows, too, that if the United States consents to my extradition, I will be shot by the soldiers of Diaz. And I will not be the first.

United States Used as a Tool.

This government is being used as a tool. The treaty is being employed to give Diaz and his advisers the whip hand over men who have dared to oppose tyranny. American officials have been made to see things in the wrong light. I can only hope that in my own case the awakening will come soon.

The entire dissatisfaction in Mexico is due to the trusts. They oppress; they rob; they even murder when they think murder is necessary to the attainment of their despicable ends. They control practically all of the finances of Mexico, and they also control Diaz. The heads of the Mexican trusts occupy places in the Mexican cabinet.

It is not so much against Diaz that the people are rising as it is against the trusts. I myself believe that Diaz allows himself to be deceived by his counselors. I believe this because Diaz is not very wealthy. He has stolen, of course, but not nearly so much as other presidents we have had. Sucked by Financial Interests.

The United States, as a government, is not popular with Mexicans. By Mexicans I mean the masses. They believe that the Mexican trusts are products of the American trusts. I myself think that this country is asleep. A fair investigation will convince it that the financial interests are sucking Mexico dry.

I charge that two members of the cabinet of Diaz, Senor Corral, secretary of the interior, and Senor Llan-tour, secretary of finance, are personally responsible for much of the present trouble. Both are powerful in the Mexican trusts. Both hope to succeed to the presidency when Diaz dies, and I believe he will die before many months. It is due to these two men that I am exiled from my own country. It is because of the things that they represent, the things they stand for, and have persuaded Diaz to stand for, that I am a revolutionist.

I became a revolutionist because I want to see Mexico a republic in fact instead of in name. I became a revolutionist because I want every man to have a chance to attain the presidency, as against the one man reign that now exists.

For years I hoped that all this might be brought about without bloodshed, through the medium of the ballot. But the ballot is a farce in Mexico. Madero, my friend and schoolmate in Paris, was nominated for the presidency after Diaz had himself stated that he had taught his people democracy and would be glad to see them govern themselves. Madero would have been elected. Everywhere he went he was acclaimed. Diaz knew he would be elected, and so a few days before the election, last June, he had him arrested, charged with insulting the president of Mexico. The Mexican law prohibits any man, under police charges, from running for office. Madero was kept in jail until the elections were over. Then he was released on \$6,000 bail, and he fled the country.

When Madero was arrested many of the leaders of his party were also thrown into jail by the police. A warrant was issued for my arrest, but I heard of it and got out of the country into Texas before they could catch me.

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FIGHTING CHINESE GRAND COUNCIL

PEKING, Dec. 19.—The fight of the imperial senate to abolish the grand council and to establish a constitutional cabinet was renewed today in consequence of the throne's rejection of the recent memorial.

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"HUB" CIGAR MAKERS ELECT OFFICERS

President Broders Re-elected Without Opposition—Over 2,000 Ballots Cast.

(Correspondence of The Call.)

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The result of the recent election for officers of the Cigar Makers' Union of Boston for the coming year, as announced by the board of tellers last night, was as follows:

President Edward Broders, Secretary Treasurer William F. Kinder and Sergeant at Arms Mike Park were re-elected without opposition.

Vice President James A. De Bell was re-elected to that place by a majority of 170 votes, he receiving 867 and his opponent, Phillip Mekeburg, at present chairman of the label committee, receiving 697 votes.

Henry Abrahams, who has held the position of corresponding and recording secretary for the last nineteen years, was again chosen for that place by a vote of 1,158 to 354 for his opponent, Sam O. Cegar.

The greatest interest was manifested as to the outcome of the election for the recently created position of assistant secretary, where Charles Claus, with 528 votes, defeated the present incumbent of the office, John Scheffhaudt, by a majority of thirty votes. The other seven candidates received a very light vote.

For the finance committee, John R. De Jong, Jonas Wiener and Louis Marcus were chosen by a vote of 1,120, 752 and 695, respectively. The latter two were re-elected.

26 Candidates for Executive Board.

For members on the executive board there were twenty-six candidates for the nine places. John R. De Jong with 931, Frank A. McCarthy with 651; James Blyth, 599; Mark Hyams, 576; Thomas J. Holmes, 560; David Goldstein, 547; Joe Roeland, 531; Frank Baker, 515, and Jack Mendoza with 425 votes were the successful candidates. The latter three are new members on the board.

President Edward Broders, Frank H. McCarthy and Patrick Mahoney were elected delegates to the state branch, American Federation of Labor, by a vote of 912, 770 and 764, respectively, defeating James A. De Bell and William Stamcumbe, who received 702 and 689 votes, respectively.

There was no opposition for the nominees for delegates to the seven central labor unions with which this organization is affiliated.

More than 2,000 ballots were cast, and the tellers were engaged in counting them from Tuesday night until a late hour Friday night.

The two financial secretaries, Kinder and Claus; James A. De Bell, the vice president, and Wiener and Marcus, of the financial committee, are members of the Socialist party.

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MACHINISTS' STRIKE ON MO. PACIFIC ENDS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—The strike of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain Railway system's machinists, blacksmiths, boiler makers, cooper smiths and their helpers was ended here this afternoon by agreement signed by officials of the railroads and unions involved, the agreement becoming effective Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock.

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RAILROAD MEN MAY STRIKE AT CHRISTMAS

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Following celebrations by Grand Chief Warren F. East of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers that unless sixty-one Western railroads agree to the wage increases demanded by their 52,000 engineers, a tie-up will come before Christmas, every effort is being made here today by Labor Commissioner Neill to avert a strike.

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A STRAIGHT SOCIALIST VOTE.

The Socialist vote in this state at the last election shows a substantial growth—from about 33,000 in 1908 to about 48,000. But the quality of the vote is no less important than the numerical increase.

We wish we could say the same of the campaign in this city. In view of the excellent results obtained upstate and the need for consolidating these results by means of propaganda work that should be continued throughout the year, the proposal to cut down the income of the state committee and thus cripple its work of upbuilding the state organizations as well as the party press, seems to us to be particularly ill-timed and unfortunate.

We invite the attention of those Comrades who are just now so anxious to "retain the money of New York City in this city" to the following considerations: The vote for Comrade Russell, our gubernatorial candidate, exceeded only by very little the vote for John J. Hopper, the Hearst candidate.

At the last election in this state an amendment to the state constitution was submitted to the voters. The purpose of the amendment was to increase the number of judges of the Court of Appeals as well as their salaries. The amendment was defeated by a majority of only 93 votes.

The entire capitalist press was, of course, in favor of that amendment, for the judiciary has become the special pet of the capitalist class. The Socialist press, on the other hand, called upon the workers to vote down the amendment and thus to register their protest against the ever growing arrogance and despotism of the judiciary.

The matter is not, in itself, of first rate importance. Nevertheless, it is of unusual significance. It foreshadows the mighty influence that the Socialist press is destined to wield in the political, economic and intellectual life of this nation.

INJUNCTION BILL.

Our readers are familiar with the import of President Taft's proposal in regard to injunctions. The President has made that proposal several times, and every time he made it we pointed out its true purpose, namely, to legalize by statute precisely those practices of the courts in the issuing of injunctions in labor disputes against which Labor has been protesting most vehemently.

It is, therefore, surprising to find the President's recommendation in regard to injunctions expressly approved of in a publication of the character of the Survey.

In its issue of the 17th inst. there appears an article on the President's Message by Samuel McCune Lindsay, professor of social legislation in Columbia University. In this article occurs the following passage: "The reform of the injunction process without its abolition in connection with labor disputes is urged along the lines of the President's well known views, which have been generally accepted and should be tried without further delay by Congress."

"Generally accepted"—by whom? Not by the working masses, but by their exploiters and oppressors. "Should be tried without further delay by Congress"—to what end? It has been tried for nearly twenty years past. The capitalists and their tools, in the courts as well as in the universities, know exactly what the injunction against strikes and strikers means to them.

Besides the disgraceful, dangerous herding of the traveling public on the subways and elevated lines, there has been another insistent and significant fact of late, and that is the frequency with which something goes wrong with the machinery and causes a tie-up. That is proof that the Interborough, especially, besides seeking to get as many nickels as possible by packing the trains, is also using its equipment to the limit of safety, and sometimes beyond the limit of safety.

SOME MODEST PROPOSALS

By HAROLD MCCORMACK.

Why try longer to conceal the truth as to the real objectives of the International Socialist movement to which we owe allegiance? It seems to me that the simple truth would be a much more effective method of propaganda than the method which has been followed up till now, and which seems likely to be followed hereafter, unless myself (or some other massive intellect like mine) give over half an hour from the pursuit of filthy lucre to the solution of the problem.

The American public, thanks to the near-facts handed out by the capitalist press, pulpits and religious weeklies (which obstinately refuse to print explanations from Socialists) is thoroughly "waxed up" to our game. For have they not learned from these unprejudiced sources that one Karl Marx was an atheist? Whether he also wore red socks or smoked asbestos cigars or not, dependent sayeth not.

Of course, it takes a good man to define religion, and I have noticed that those talk most ably about it who know least about it. But let that go. In the United States it is said that the number of those who do not attend church service far exceeds those who do. From the beginning we Socialists have been denoyed that we are opposed to any religion; in fact, with the desire to hoodwink the public, we acceded to the request of a Christian member and had inserted in our last national platform a statement to the effect that the Socialist party had nothing to do with religion.

Here again the Socialist regulations are broken with impunity. It has been rumored that a candidate for office in Boston last month was seen coming out of a Catholic church early last spring. This charge (even though he was coming out, not going in) is startling, and if the party integrity is to be maintained, should be investigated.

Now here is something that must be handled delicately. On this point I do not see myself just how we can afford as yet to tell the truth. Prevarication must still be the rule, perhaps. Acknowledge it to be a party objective and we shall undoubtedly lose those wealthy, homebreking Vanderbilts, Astors, Goulds and the like, who live in practice what we advocate in theory.

And there's another little matter. They are all beginning to learn that Socialism and anarchy are one and the same thing. That being so, why not acknowledge the fact and go about that bombthrowing business in earnest? Of course, any intelligent man knows that anarchists are the mildest of the world. I can see them throwing down their picks and shovels in disgust, vowing never again to try to acquire a modest million by practicing thrift and sobriety, if a part of it is to be handed over to every Tom, Dick and Larry, who by practicing the same might easily enough go out and earn a million or two for themselves.

Also, we should have in every large city a "homebreking brigade," to be composed of "good lookers" like myself, membership to be determined by the female Comrades. The remuneration might be placed at \$5 a day and expenses, or \$2 a day and expenses plus 50 cents commission for every home put to the bad.

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OH, WHAT A DIFFERENCE IT MAKES!

TWO LETTERS.

No. 1, written by the editor of a highly capitalistic weekly of huge circulation to George Allan England, some time before the Milwaukee victory and the recent great advance in the Socialist vote:

My Dear England—Do you know what my definition of a Socialist is? It is a man blue in the face about things that cannot possibly become practical for several generations yet, but who cannot possibly be induced to help in something that will measurably better conditions tomorrow or next year.

Do you see any fundamental objection to this program? Why don't you embody it yourself? Stop eternally scolding about perfect perfection and get something done tomorrow. You have plenty of capacity both to think and to write, and you are wasting it. I do not object to your zeal for ultimate perfection. I am right with you in it, but I do know that your attitude of scorn for every partial step toward ultimate perfection is characteristic of Socialists, and MAKES IT NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE THEM AS HELPFUL FORCES SO FAR AS GETTING ANYTHING DONE RIGHT AWAY IS CONCERNED.

Write letters like your last one to me if you wish. That is all right. But when you write and talk publicly don't take that attitude. TRY TO GET THE ATTITUDE I HAVE OUTLINED IN THIS LETTER AND YOU WILL DO SOME GOOD IN THE WORLD.

N. 2. From the same to the same in answer to a letter of G. A. E.'s regarding the privilege of setting forth in said capitalistic weekly the positive and immediate improvements brought about by Socialists in Milwaukee.

Dear England—I am always glad to get an envelope with the Bryant's Pond postmark on it, and I am always sorry to be compelled to write to you that WE CANNOT PRINT YOUR PROPOSED ARTICLE ON SOCIALISM. We will have to continue to refer to it in editorial paragraphs.

Verily so! Also, it is to laugh, my Comrade, is it not? Consistency, thou art a Jewel—and one evidently not set in the capitalist diadem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SOCIALISTS AND BOURGEOIS REFORMERS.

Such assertions as "Theodore Roosevelt never had any influence," "was merely a bubble on a great wave of unrest" and is at present "dead," show a very small degree of perception on the part of the makers of such statements. It looks as though somebody was afraid they wouldn't get all the medals for kicking over our outworn system and begrudging Teddy any credit for what prejudice he has been able to loosen or what light he has turned on.

People can only be taught in terms and language that they understand. High and beautiful concepts of morality have been developed in the past by small circles of people that had no effect on the mass of the population, while lower standards developed by other circles have exercised an influence in elevating society.

Mr. G. R. S. Taylor writes, "The leader is an intelligible summary of a vast movement that would go on without him, or, at least, would not be easily understood if he were not there."

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LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

A GLEN SONG. There's a green glen in Erin, A green glen in Erin, Do you remember yet, agraah, The sunshine of that day, How the river ran before us, And the fearless blue hung'er, And against the purple haze, Gleamed the yellow of the haze.

THE "NON-PARTISAN" BALLOT. Editor of The Call: We note your argument in a press clipping with regard to the effect which the commission form of government would have upon the Socialist party, assuming that the commission form of government would involve a non-partisan ballot.

There's a green glen in Erin, A green glen in Erin, Where on a dew-wet evening, The brown throats trilled after, And the blackbird carolled after, Silver rain of laughter, And the little linnet piped its note, That has no theme but Love.

THE MAN WITH THE GUN. A traveler going through Breckin county, Kentucky, in 1894, found a man sitting on the side of the road with a gun across his knees. "Belong here?" he asked the man with the gun.

STAT NOMINIS. A New Jersey man named his two sons Roosevelt and Taft, relates Lippincott's Magazine. A friend asked him recently how they were getting along. "Famously," was the answer. "Taft dies steadily into his breakfast bowl, while Roosevelt yells and pounds him over the head with a spoon."

WHAT WAS THE MATTER WITH MOSES? Percy—Miss Jane, did Moses have the same after dinner complaint as papa's got? Miss Jane—Gracious me, Percy! What ever you do mean, my dear Percy—Well, it says here the Lord gave Moses two tablets.—Lippincott.

CONSOLATION. Wife of Belated Foxhunter—Oh, Perkyn, what do you think has happened to Sir John? Surely, he'd been thrown and hurt the would have found her way home for now. Coachman—Oh, no, mum—a gentle animal like 'er would have broued 'round the body until it was found.—Punch.

A MAID WITH VIOLETS. Behold, the grave of a wicked man, And, near it, a stern spirit. There came a drooping maid with violets, But the spirit grasped her arm. "No flowers for him," he said. The maid went: "Ah, I loved him." But the spirit, grim and frowning: "No flowers for him."

A FINE PRESCRIPTION. "And how long, doctor, should I stick to this plain diet which you recommended?" "Why—er—until my bill is paid."—Houston Post.

WHERE DID SHE GET IT? First Lady—Did you notice Mrs. 'Awkes' ad a black eye? Second Lady—Did I not! And 'er 'usband not out of prison for another week! I don't call it respectable. Answers.

GREEN, ALL RIGHT. "My grandfather"—the young man spoke not without a touch of pride—"my grandfather lived to a green old age. Three times after his seventieth birthday he was taken in by the confidence trick."—London Globe.

A PITTSBURGH OBSERVATION. "What shall we say of Senator Smugg? 'Just say he was always faithful to his trust.'" "And shall we mention the name of the trust?"—Pittsburgh Observer.

SHE KNEW. Mistress—Nora, I saw a policeman in the park today kiss a baby. I hope you will remember my objection to such things. Nora—Sure, ma'am, no policeman would ever think it his business to kiss a baby. I'm around.—Louisville Post.

IT WAS THIS WAY. "I suppose the father gave the bride away." "Not exactly. He gave a million away, and threw her in."—Philadelphia Ledger.

SUPERSTITION. First Noble Donsor—Those fellows lays in their sun get brown! Second Ditto—Yes; but what they wanter get yer fer?—Sydney Telegraph.

Mrs. Rogers—I must write Mr. Randall a note of thanks. Rogers—What for? Mrs. Rogers—For not sending Christmas presents.—Life.

"I'll wager that woman submarine diver doesn't stay under the water more than ten minutes at a time." "Why?" "Nobody down there to talk to."

HE CAN AFFORD IT. Editor of The Call: In view of the small difference between 48,529 and 48,470, the votes respectively for Russell and Hopper, with the consequent displacement of his Independence League from the third column, should not Mr. Hearst ask for another recount? Albany, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1910.

PROFIT SHARING. Editor of The Call: Permit me to congratulate you in regard our editorial of December 13 on profit sharing entitled "The Socialism of High Finance." It should be read at this time by every American Socialist. As I intend to call attention to it in an article on the Communist Manifesto, which will soon follow, I wish that you would reprint it in The Sunday Call.

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