







LOS ANGELES MAY OWN DAILY PAPER

Citizens' Vote Will Decide Question of a Municipal Newspaper. (By Pan-American Press.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—A municipal newspaper to be owned and published by the city is one of the proposals adopted by the Los Angeles city charter revision committee...

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BLOWUP AT SMELTER KILLS 12 WORKERS

Were Blasting Slag, When Dynamite in Pit Exploded. EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—While railroad workmen were blasting slag at the El Paso smelter this morning for railroad ballast, a supply of dynamite stored in a pit where twelve men were at work exploded.

BOY BURNED TO DEATH, SISTER HURT, AT FIRE

UPPER MARLBORO, Md., Dec. 28.—A twelve-year-old boy was burned to death, and his twin sister was probably fatally injured, in a fire that destroyed the dry goods store of Samuel Blumberg, at Rosaryville, today.

TO SUPPRESS ANARCHIST PAPER; EDITOR ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 28.—An anarchistic plot of widespread ramifications, the details of which are still an "official secret," was disclosed in the correspondence seized in the home of the dead man, Gardstein, one of the gang that killed three policemen when attacked on December 16, in the fight in Houndsditch, according to today's Exchange Telegraph.

MANHOLES BLOW UP; WORKER BADLY HURT

There was considerable excitement yesterday in Newark on Market street, between Washington and Halsey streets, when two manholes blew up and injured one of the laborers at work there.

Dr. B. L. Becker's OPTICAL PLACE. 203 East Broadway, Tel. 2365 Orchard. Branch, 102 Lenox Ave., bet. 115th and 116th Sts.



HUMPERDINCK ACCLAIMED BY VAST AUDIENCE UPON PREMIER OF HIS LATEST OPERA 'KOENIGSKINDER'

The King's Son, Hermann Jadlower the Goose-Girl, Gertrude Farrar the Fiddler, Otto Goritz the Witch, Louise Homer the Woodcutter, Adamo Didur the Broommaker, Albert Reiss the Children. Edna Walter and Lottie Engel the Senior Councilor, Marcel Reinert the Innkeeper, Antonio Pini-Cosi the Innkeeper's Daughter, Florence Wickham the Tailor, Julius Bayer the Stable Maid, Marie Mattfeld the First Gatekeeper, Ernst Maran the Second Gatekeeper, William Hinshaw.

SUBURBANITES IN FIGHT WITH R. R. CO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Street cars from Chicago were turned back when they sought to enter Foster Park, a suburb, today. The village authorities declare that the company had violated the five-cent fare ordinance, and that its franchise was forfeited.

RIVAL GYPSY CAMPS ENGAGE IN BATTLE

LIVESTOCK, N. C., Dec. 28.—As a result of riots in gypsy camps near here, yesterday afternoon, and all through last night "Chief" Mitchell is in jail and fifteen others are under arrest.

PACKERS FIGHT AGAINST CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Indicted members of the so-called beef trust will resort to every technical means within their knowledge and experience to stay the criminal proceedings begun against them by the government. This was made clear before Judge Kohlsaat in the United States Circuit Court today.

Mrs. Cardamone, of Red Bank, N. J., Has It In for a Certain Lawyer

Mrs. Rachel Walsh Cardamone, of Red Bank, N. J., has sued her husband for divorce. In fact, she sued as far back as five years ago—with no results. For the delay Mrs. Cardamone blames her lawyer, of whom she has an opinion so small as to be barely perceptible to the untrained eye.

TWO MEN KILLED BY AIRSHIP'S FALL

PARIS, Dec. 28.—An aviation instructor and his passenger were killed in an aeroplane accident at Issy this morning. Aviator Laffont had made arrangements to start in a try for the Auto Club prize of \$20,000 for a round trip flight from Paris to Brussels with a passenger named Paula.

BOGOTA PAYS \$800,000 TO AMERICAN COMPANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The final payment of the city of Bogota to the American owners of its city railway has been made, and the road is now the property of the municipality. This terminates a source of constant trouble between the American-owned company, the government authorities and the natives of Bogota.

SUGAR TRUST 'MAY' GIVE UP \$1,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Recent disclosures in the "drawback" frauds against the government have put the Treasury Department in a position practically to dictate the terms of compromise with the sugar refining companies. The American Sugar Refining Company's recent offer of \$700,000 may not be accepted in view of the fact that the government is said to have evidence to compel the return of not less than \$1,000,000.

SAILOR WENT INSANE; TRIED TO END LIFE

The steamship Guyane, from Ducau, Dunkirk and Bordeaux, reported on her arrival at the bar at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning that she had a succession of very severe gales throughout the passage. During the voyage one of the seamen of the Guyane became insane and attempted suicide by stabbing himself three times in the breast.

PROPOSES UNION OF DOMESTIC SERVANTS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 28.—A union of servant girls as the best solution of the problem that is harassing American women today was advocated by J. B. Rubinow, of the U. S. Department of Commerce and Labor in a paper read today before the meeting of the American Home Economic Association.

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THE REIGN OF TERROR IN TAMPA. A civil war has been raging in the city of Tampa, Fla., for about six months past.

- Not a figurative civil war, but an actual civil war. A civil war with all the most aggravated features of such a war. A civil war with a reign of terror.

For six months this war has been raging as the result of a strike of the cigar workers against the cigar capitalists. But the governor of the state of Florida took no notice of this war.

The people of the United States were kept in ignorance of the state of affairs. The daily newspapers, metropolitan and other, their columns filled with all sorts of worthless information.

But the governor of the state of Florida, was he silent because he knew nothing of this civil war, or did he keep silence for the reason that in this civil war the capitalists of Tampa had the upper hand of the workers of Tampa?

At last, however, this conspiracy of silence as to the bloody goings on in Tampa has been broken.

It has been broken by the Socialist and labor press, and by the magnificent solidarity exhibited by the cigar workers throughout the country.

For months past The Call has been publishing news items, contributed articles, and speeches exposing the reign of terror in Tampa. The organized cigar workers throughout the country have been taxing themselves for the benefit of their striking brothers in Tampa.

It is this last fact, above all, that has finally loosened the speech of the authorities in Tampa and in Florida. The most sensitive nerve of the capitalist is his pocket nerve.

Public opinion will give small heed to the words of the mayor of Tampa. His statement abounds with flat denials and charges of falsehood. For instance, of the charge that the plant officials of the city of Tampa handed over the two workingmen prisoners to a small party of lynchers who hanged them, he says that it is "false from beginning to end."

But the mayor of Tampa is no other than Donald B. McKay, who, according to general report, was one of the "Citizens' Committee" that, in 1901, kidnapped prominent members of the cigar makers' union and had them transported to the wilds of British Honduras.

But now comes the governor of Florida. He starts out, in the usual way, with the assertion that he is a friend of the unions.

Friendship No. 1.—"There were charges that men were forced to go to work. These charges were supported by the affidavits of four laborers." But the governor was not convinced.

When we are called upon to "imagine" one thing, why may we not also "imagine" that the "rebuttals showing a different result in each case" were also "imaginary"?

Friendship No. 2.—It was claimed that two representative union men had been forced to leave the city—deported. But the governor found that "both men left voluntarily—on account of the fear for their personal safety."

Friendship No. 3.—Two workingmen were arrested and lynched by the swell mob. But "one of them had been tried for murder three times and always proved an alibi," and "a reputable citizen made oath that the said party had offered to kill any person whom he might wish killed for \$250."

Friendship No. 4.—The governor would like us to forget the proved deportations of 1901 by reminding us of the feud that then existed between the two rival cigar makers' unions.

Friendship No. 5.—The union hall was smashed up, closed, and the records seized. This is admitted. But Governor Gilchrist tells us that later on the hall was reopened!

Friendship No. 6.—Three jurymen were tried by a jury, found guilty and sentenced. The strikers complain of a prejudiced court and a packed jury. Does the governor know anything about it?

Governor Gilchrist of Florida! There was once a governor of Illinois, a member of your party. But he was an honest Democrat, not a damned hypocrite.

THE MILLS OF JUSTICE—VI.

By MOSES OPPENHEIMER.

Every morning after settling the monotonous work of calling the calendar and agreeing upon the cases that are ready for trial, a number of culprits are brought in from the prison pen for sentence.

The judge, as a rule, is disposed to be very severe on the unfortunates who have "wasted the time of the court and the money of the county" in a futile effort to escape from the consequences of their acts.

They are the by-products of our social order: waste and offal. Many of them are young fellows with a past, graduates of the Catholic Protector, the House of Refuge, or some similar reformatory, that has made a pitiful failure of its reform efforts.

To them the last word of justice is the prison sentence. From time to time that sentence is imposed in a spirit not of compassion, but of harsh revenge.

What is going on here? Is the prisoner merely threatened and bullied? Or is he beaten till he cries for mercy, with a convict or an ex-convict? And yet, the rumors about the Third Degree persist.

What is the position of the friendless fellow behind the bars, charged with some crime. The lawyers hanging around the jail soliciting business have found that neither money nor valuables are in sight.

Thus year in and year out the stream flows into the Tombs prison at one end and out at another. The procession passes over the Bridge of Sighs into court and back again on the road to Elmira, to the penitentiary, or to some state prison.

Are they grinding out justice? They are grinding out capitalist justice.

THE MEANING OF MINOR VICTORIES.

By LEE F. HEACOCK.

The extraordinary gain in the Socialist vote of the United States is tantamount to a partial revolution.

We have passed, at a stride, that stage of our growth in which we were rightly stamped, and even considered ourselves, as a party of protest.

Conditions over which we have no control will take care of the propaganda of discontent with the existing order. Discontent is here, and here to stay.

For the Socialist movement, the times that try men's souls, are just ahead. It is as important that we know how to wield power in the interest of our class, as it is that we succeed in securing, piecemeal, that power.

The great lesson of the election of 1910 is this: That the Socialist party is no longer a party of protest, but has become a party of responsibility to the working class.

error of Illinois, he pardoned the two innocent survivors of that horrible conspiracy, and published the facts to the world. That man's name, Governor Gilchrist, is immortalized in history, as that of one of the world's great moral heroes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE WHITE MAN IS AFRAID.

Editor of The Call: A communication from P. Vlag appeared in The Call for December 13, wherein I am quoted as saying that the Japanese are collectivists.

Now, it may be that P. Vlag is not particularly interested in the color of the skin, but the author of this letter is, especially when it is his own skin, and the skin of his own race, and it is precisely this point that makes my point tenable.

When asked by his master with what sauce he would eat him, he protested against being eaten. But his master told him that he wavered from the point, and insisted upon the sturdy fowl stating with what sauce he should be eaten.

DISFRANCHISING VOTERS. The article, "Disfranchising Voters," by O. A. Carpenter in today's (Sunday's) Call is a piece of work deserving the highest praise.

Several years ago Local New York, in a statement approved unanimously by the general committee, and at its request printed in the National Bulletin, called attention to the many stealthy encroachments upon our suffrage.

Comrade Carpenter's painstaking and admirable summary should not be allowed to share the same fate. It should not be left slumbering in our party archives as "valuable material."

It is the historical mission of the Socialist movement to endow the working class with political power. In Prussia, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Great Britain, the struggle for the suffrage is most valiantly carried on by our comrades.

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From this opinion I most fully differ. Religious beliefs are not conditioned by any economic condition. For what has capitalism to do with belief in God or belief in moral perfection?

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real freethinkers. Are we not all limited and is not our thinking conditioned by our innate limitations and the influence of other minds upon our own?

As an evolutionary Socialist I believe that society is constantly undergoing changes and I maintain that finally competition will be reduced to a minimum, but I do not believe that the time will ever come when humanity will not have religious emotions and ideals and religious institutions, and when Comrade Rappaport maintains that the establishment of Socialism will do away with the need for religious institutions he has passed out of the sphere of true Socialism into that of philosophical anarchism.

It has long been my impression that many Socialists are enemies of Socialism because of their vituperative attitude toward the church and religion. They usually assert that all philosophers and thinkers other than Socialists are, to say the least, incompetent and unreliable thinkers.

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POTPOURRI LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

THE HORIZON. I saw a man pursuing the horizon Round and round they sped. I was disturbed at this; I accosted the man. "It is futile," I said, "You can never"— "You lie," he cried. —Stephen Crane in 'The Black Riders'

Indian telegraphists have sometimes to deal with amusing messages. An intelligent Sepoy once went into an office and handed in a message to be sent to a station in Central India. Having read it, the operator told him there was something wrong. "No, sahib—no, sahib; he knows English," replied the native soldier, haughtily.

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