

### WHITE THEORY ALL RIGHT, SAYS JUDGE BORDWELL

#### Decision in Juror's Case Hits McNamara Defense.

#### PROTESTS ARE VAIN

#### Blasphemers Will Probably Have Chance to Decide Fate of Workers.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—Judge Bordwell, presiding at the trial of James B. McNamara, on the charge of libeling the Los Angeles Times, struck what many regard as a blow to the defense today, when he held that the holding of an opinion on the cause of the Times explosion, which was formed from reading newspapers, and which would require evidence to remove, is not in itself sufficient to disqualify a juror.

As long as a juror says his opinion does not go to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, the court said, and he declares such opinion does not bias him in reaching a verdict, the court has no discretion but to hold him qualified under the code.

The decision created consternation among the attorneys for the defense. Attorney Joseph Scott was on his feet in an instant, and shouted at the court: "Does a juror who believes dynamite destroyed the Times Building qualify, while a juror who believes gas was the cause, does not?"

Judge Bordwell was plainly angered and sharply called Scott to order. "Do you ask such a question?" said the court. "Do you think I wish to use one side of this case partially? What do you mean by such language?"

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### HINES DENIES ALL TALES OF GRAFT

#### Stephenson's Alleged Helper Pleads Innocence of All Wrongdoing.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 23.—Edward Hines, the Chicago lumberman, before the Stephenson Committee today denied any and all stories which connected him with Stephenson's election, collectively and in detail.

He had never assisted in any way in the election of Senator Stephenson nor conferred with him about it in any way. He said he had no quarrel with R. J. Shields and never gave him money or authorized him to pay money to help elect Senator Stephenson.

The Hines-Stephenson story about a "jackpot" was started by two men in a Duluth hotel "joshing" where Dan Hale overheard them, was the statement drawn from Hale on the witness stand.

"You based your statement to Mr. Cook on that?" asked Senator Heyburn. "Yes, sir."

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### ITALIANS HAD HARD SCRAP AT BENGAZI

#### Five More of King's Men Die of Wounds Received There.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Chronicle's dispatches from Tripoli via Malta, dated Sunday, say that the Italians have received a severe check at Bengazi, and that their position there is precarious.

The Daily Mail's Constantinople correspondent telegraphed that several Turkish destroyers have passed through the Dardanelles, presumably to make an attempt to damage Italian merchant shipping.

BENGAZI, Oct. 23.—Five of the Italians wounded in last week's fighting have died. Among those killed was Lieutenant Colonel Gangitano.

HIGHMORE, S. Dak., Oct. 23.—A proclamation declaring the neutrality of the United States in the war between Italy and Turkey and enjoining all persons within the jurisdiction of the country to obey the laws and rules of neutrality was signed today by President Taft.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 23.—The hope is that the matter of Italian rule in Tripoli will be settled without involving the United States, but if this should not transpire and the Turkish Empire in Europe go out of existence and be divided up among the independent nations, it would be a great blessing to humanity.

MILITIA HOLDING TOWN OF COWETA

Scene of Race War That Cost Two Lives Now Patrolled by Oklahoma Soldiers.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Oct. 23.—With two dead and four desperately wounded in the night's race riot at Coweta, twenty miles north of Muskogee, the State militia today is maintaining martial law in the disturbed town, and searching homes of negroes for arms.

WOMAN SLAYER OF YOUTH ON TRIAL

OPOLUISA, Ill., Oct. 23.—Sensational evidence was presented today when Mrs. J. P. McRee, one of the most prominent women in this section, was placed on trial for the murder of young Alan Garland.

SOUTHERN GUNMAN GETS THREE VICTIMS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 23.—Three men have been killed and two wounded by Frank Harrison, a negro, now surrounded in a swamp near Tuscaloosa.

### CHINESE REBELS NOW IN CONTROL OF FOUR PROVINCES

#### Revolutionists' Capture of Two Important Towns Confirmed.

#### CRITICAL SITUATION

Bankers Doubt if Imperial Government Will Survive Rebellion.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 23.—With four of its eighteen provinces almost wholly under rebel control and several others momentarily threatening to cast off government authority, China may fairly be said today to be in the throes of a civil war rather than of a mere localized uprising.

The revolutionists' capture of the two important towns of Changsha and Nanchang, capitals of the respective provinces of Hunan and Kiangsi, was confirmed today, more than doubling the territory hitherto under rebel domination.

Yuan Shi Kai Wants More Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—The Chinese World has received the following dispatch: "Yuan Shi Kai has demanded that his 10,000 old troops and favorites be detailed to assist him to suppress the rebels, and that \$2,000,000 be granted him immediately for expenses before New Orleans start for Peh. His demands are reported to have been allowed, and the national treasury directed to raise money for him in some way."

Foreign Bankers Refuse Loan.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The group of bankers who arranged the \$50,000,000 currency reform loan to China have suspended negotiations with the Chinese Government.

BLOWUP ON TORPEDO BOAT KILLS SEAMAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The tubes of boiler B of the torpedo boat Tingy blew out last night as that vessel was leaving Charleston, S. C., for Norfolk.

SOCIALIST OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

FOUND DEAD IN HALLWAY.

R. R. TELEGRAPHERS TO MEET.

### NINE MINERS ARE KILLED; TEN HURT

#### Fifteen Others Imprisoned by Cave-in Caused by Explosion.

HARRISBURG, Ill., Oct. 23.—Nine men were killed, ten gravely wounded, and fifteen imprisoned as a result of the explosion of a keg of powder which ignited black damp today in O'Gara mine, No. 9, a mile south of here.

THIRTY DAYS FOR HAVING BAD EGGS

Baker Jailed by Special Sessions Court—Other Offenders in Food Line Are Fined.

Frank Ferris, also a grocer, at 1559 Second avenue, was fined \$50 for selling watered milk.

SPECIAL JURY FOR ACCUSED PREACHER

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—A special session of the Suffolk County Grand Jury has been called for next Thursday to consider the case of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, accused of the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, the music student from Lynn.

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### GOMPERS PILLORIES DELECTIVE BURNS

#### Says Sleuth Is Addicted to Unmitigated Falsehoods.

#### QUESTIONS SANITY

A. F. of L. Head Brands McNamara's Hounder as Unqualified Liar.

REARRANGEMENT OF BRITISH CABINET

Winston Churchill Made First Lord of Admiralty in Place of Reginald McKenna.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—A rearrangement of the Cabinet was announced today. The most noted change is the transfer of Winston Churchill to the First Lord of the Admiralty.

WOMAN BURGLAR SENT TO AUBURN

Margaret Webber, the young woman who was arrested in Greenpoint a few weeks ago after she had been "caught in the home" of Mrs. Marie D'O'Connor, 129 Milton street, Brooklyn, and who was the leader of a gang who had been robbing many homes in the Greenpoint section, was sentenced yesterday to Auburn prison for a term of not more than two years or less than one year in the County Court.

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THREATENS TO TIE UP ALL ENGLISH ROADS

Railroad Workers Must Get Concessions, Declares Chairman Henderson.

(By United Press.) LONDON, Oct. 23.—"We must have higher pay and shorter hours or there will be such a strike as will stop every wheel on every railroad in England before Christmas," said Chairman Henderson, of the Executive Committee of the British Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, today.

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"THE WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN ENGLAND"

WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A LECTURE BY Dr. Alfred E. Zimmern OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD. IN THE RAND SCHOOL READING ROOM 112 EAST NINETEENTH STREET Wednesday, Oct. 25, 8 P. M. ADMISSION FREE BRING A FRIEND

ST. LOUIS STRIKERS WIN BIG VICTORY

Marx & Haas Clothing Company Forced to Grant Men's Demands.

(Correspondence to The Call.) ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23.—After a bitter struggle, carried on by the United Garment Workers' organizations of this city, as well as the national organization, against the Marx & Haas Clothing Company, which lasted for nearly twenty-five months, the company has granted all the demands made by the strikers, and has agreed to live up to all rules and regulations of the union. Work will be resumed at once, and the scabs the company has secured will be replaced by union men.

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WAIST MAKERS ARE EAGER TO FIGHT

Two Big Halls Packed at Meetings of Preparation for Battle.

A large and enthusiastic labor gathering took place last night when historic Cooper Union was packed to the doors with waist and dress makers who came to listen to speakers talk on the necessity of organizing and getting ready for the forthcoming battle the union is preparing to start against the bosses to establish better conditions in the trade. Every seat in the house was taken and many workers who gathered to hear the message of organization were standing.

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MRS. M'NAMIGAL TELLS HOW BURNS BOUGHT ORTIE'S DOPE

"Informers" Wife, Now Suing Him for Divorce, Bares Details of nefarious Plot to Hang the McNamara Brothers.

(Correspondence to The Call.) CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The publication by the Daily Socialist of Mrs. Emma McManigal's story of how her husband, Ortie McManigal, whom she is now suing for divorce, was led to become the main tool of the notorious detective, William J. Burns, in his efforts to hang the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times Building, is generally conceded by local lawyers here as being of great value to the defense in the famous trial now on.

Mrs. Emma McManigal's Story.

I was married to Ortie McManigal on October 5, 1901, and have two children, Walter, 6 years old, and Evelyn, 8 years old. In June of 1910, and also in October of the same year, and in the spring of 1911 he was unfaithful to his marriage vows and committed an offense under the law. On trips which he took in pursuit of his trade as a structural iron worker, he was intimate with women of bad reputation. When at home he frequently ill-treated me. On one occasion, about December 23, 1909, he struck me with a violent blow over the head with a rod used for cleaning a gun. He beat me till I was bruised.

3,000 NECKWEAR WORKERS WALK OUT

Several Employers Agree to Union Demands—Bosses Must Guarantee Wages of Contractors' Hands.

About 3,000 neckwear makers went on strike yesterday as a result of the failure of the employers to grant the demands presented some time ago, according to a statement made at the union offices. From early in the forenoon until late in the afternoon workers continued to report that they had responded to the call for a general walkout and joined the strike.

MARBLE WORKERS LOOK FOR GENERAL STRIKE

A meeting of the United Board of Business Agents of the Building Trades Council, at which a general sympathetic strike in favor of the marble workers, now out, may be ordered, will take place at the Brevoort Hall, 154 East 54th street, at 10 o'clock this morning.

ALLEN ASKS CHANGE OF COURT.

Nathan Allen, the leather manufacturer and smuggler of jewels who is being sued for \$210,000 by Mrs. Helen Fuld Dwell on the ground that he converted property in a safe deposit box belonging to her, filed a petition in the Supreme Court yesterday asking that the case be transferred to the federal court on the ground that he is not a resident of New York.

MONSIGNOR CAPEL DEAD.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 23.—Monsignor T. J. Capel, once private chamberlain to the Pope, is dead here. He was found dead in bed this morning of heart failure. He was 75 years old.

TEA.

While these men were coming to my home I received letters from my husband in Los Angeles advising me to trust William J. Burns and other employees and do whatever he advised me to do, as they were my best friends, and that Burns was the biggest man in the country and controlled the States Government and controlled the Prosecuting Attorneys, both of Cook County and of Los Angeles County, in California.

TEA.

I was promised by Burns and his operatives that if I would go to Los Angeles they would pick out a home for me, release my husband from jail and allow him to come to his new

ROYAL FURNITURE CO. HOME COMPLETELY UPHOLSTERED 49-98. Containing the following articles: LIVING ROOM, BEDROOM, KITCHEN, BATH, HALL, PORCH, PATIO. WRITE FOR CATALOGUE OPEN EVENINGS 2188 2190 AVE-120 ST.

HUNGER BREAKS STRIKE ON C. I. & B.

Trolley Men Call Fight Off After Long and Heroic Struggle.

"We were starved into submission, but we will remain as militant as ever," was the statement made yesterday by Charles Evans, a member of the Executive Board of the striking car men, who were out against the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railway Company since August 8, in stating that the strike had been called off. The company has succeeded in defeating the union, but it has not succeeded in defeating the union principles the men have at heart, he declared.

GETS JUDGMENT ON PHONE TALK

Testimony of Switchboard Operator Obtains Award of Sophie Ascher's Claim Against Brodsk.

The Legal Aid Society has just recovered judgment of \$300 in the Municipal Court for Sophie Ascher, who lives at 327 Beck street, the Bronx. She had inherited from her mother \$300, which she deposited in the Bowery Savings Bank. Brodsk, of 50 West 119th street, an electrical contractor, made love to the girl and became engaged to her. Claiming that he needed the money in his business Brodsk prevailed upon Miss Ascher to lend him the \$300, which he promised to return in three months.

WALSH, PAROLED FINANCIER, DEAD

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—John B. Walsh, former banker, publisher, and railroad owner, released a week ago from the Leavenworth federal penitentiary on parole, died today of heart disease. He was 74 years of age, and was at one time publisher of the Chicago Chronicle, which was notorious as an anti-socialist publication.

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(Continued from Page 1.) largely of the retired capitalist type, who have been reading the Times and agreeing with its policy of labor bating. Most of them start in by concealing these things, but it does not take long to uncover the truth. Clarence Darrow and Leocombe Davis for the defense, are past masters at the art of digging the truth out of men who are trying bravely to cover up and get on the case.

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Corner 106th St. and Columbus Ave. We carry a complete line of Underwear, Hosiery, Suits, Overalls, Workwear, etc. The line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Wear. We allow a per cent on all purchases.

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☐ Figures sometimes bore, but how else can we prove to your satisfaction that this is a store worthy of your confidence?

☐ In 1910 more than one million pairs of footwear were sold in this store.

☐ Just think this means average sales daily of over 3,300 pairs of footwear.

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**More Statistics**

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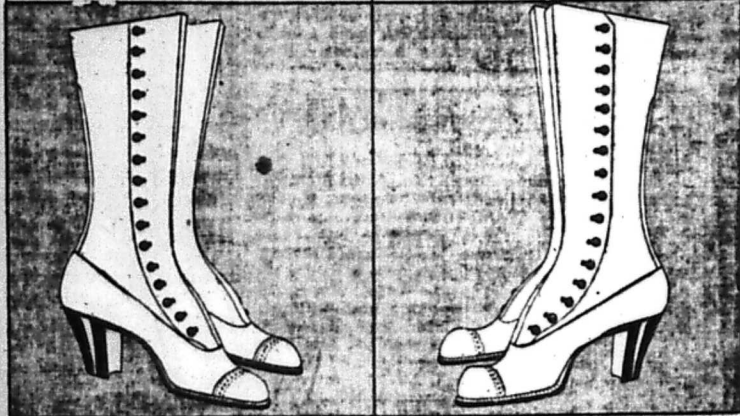
☐ We have a seating capacity for 1,000 customers at a time.

☐ We sold in 1910 just 83,478 pairs of shoes at \$5.00 and over.

☐ We are the only shoe store in the world owning its own delivery system.

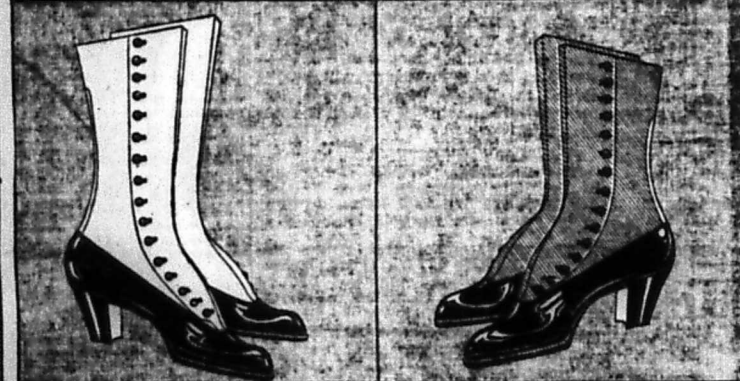
☐ Truly this is an institution.

**Women's Shoes**



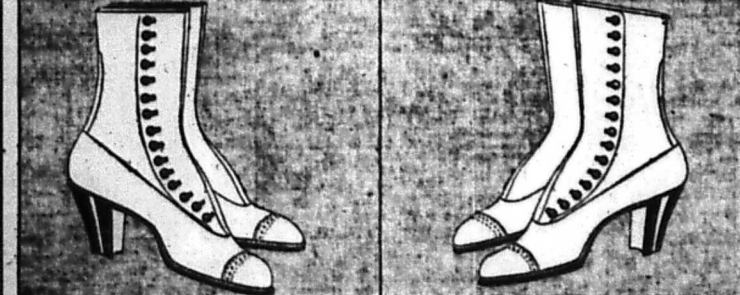
WOMEN'S Gun Metal 16 Button Shoe at a price that cannot be equalled. Goodyear welted soles, Cuban heels. A most popular model of the most popular selling leather. **4.00**

WOMEN'S Russia Calf, 16 Button Model that has met with immediate response. Made of selected tan Russia calf, welt soles and high heels. The vamp is short and the toe slightly raised. A shoe of distinction. **5.50**



WOMEN'S patent leather, 16 button Boot with genuine matt (dull) kid top. Extension sole, high Cuban heel, short plain vamp. A leader that no one else but Cammeyer could duplicate. **5.00**

WOMEN'S patent leather with gray mohair, with a narrow black striped top. Light weight extension sole, high Cuban heel, 14 chased pearl buttons. An exclusive Cammeyer Creation for Fall. **7.00**



WOMEN'S Gun Metal, 15 Button Boot with matt kid top. Particular attention is called to the straight cut of the top of the shoe. A shoe of unusual character with the finest materials and workmanship in it. Extension sole, Cuban heel. **7.00**

WOMEN'S Gun Metal Standard Button Shoe. A wonderful value-giving shoe at such a low price. Made on a conservative model with wear-giving extension soles and medium height Cuban heels. **3.00**



WOMEN'S Patent Leather Button Boot with black cravenette cloth top. A model that is and always will be in good taste. Plain medium length vamp, walking sole, Cuban heel. **5.00**

WOMEN'S Russia calf 14 Button Shoe, made with our celebrated Hygienic Arch Support, which absolutely prevents the arch of the shoe from falling. Has a medium round toe, short vamp, high Cuban heel and Goodyear welt soles. **3.50**



WOMEN'S Gun Metal Lace Boot with dull kid top, heavy extension sole, Cuban heel. A substantial shoe of remarkable wearing qualities. **5.00**

WOMEN'S patent leather button Boot with white calfskin top. All the rage in Paris. A striking example of Cammeyer foresight at a moderate price. Extension sole, Cuban heel, straight tip. **5.00**

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☐ The largest shoe business in the world could not have been built on a vacillating policy. Our rivals in the line for half a century have been too intelligent and too astute business men to permit our rearing this tremendous structure on anything but the soundest business principles.

☐ The Cammeyer business is, above all things, a monument to business integrity and equitable value, and on this platform we go to you with our fifty-first Fall Announcement.

☐ Customers enjoy a peculiar advantage in buying shoes from us. We undoubtedly create the shoe styles for America. In the season past we established a wave of popularity for the Colonial toe slipper, followed immediately after by setting our seal of approval upon white footwear, causing a demand throughout the country that swept manufacturers off their feet.

☐ Never before has such an array of Footwear been presented for the inspection of the public in any city of the world. In various departments over six hundred Fall styles are shown, each one with its definite wearing purpose.

☐ Just a word as to prices. We confidently assert, and can prove, that we undersell any retailer in this country from 10 to 12½%, and we welcome the opportunity for comparison.

☐ A courteous, capable sales force awaits you. You will not be importuned to buy if you merely desire to look—but even to look is well worth while.

☐ People at a distance can avail themselves of the magnificent service of the most complete and up-to-date Mail Shoe Department in America. Write for catalogue.

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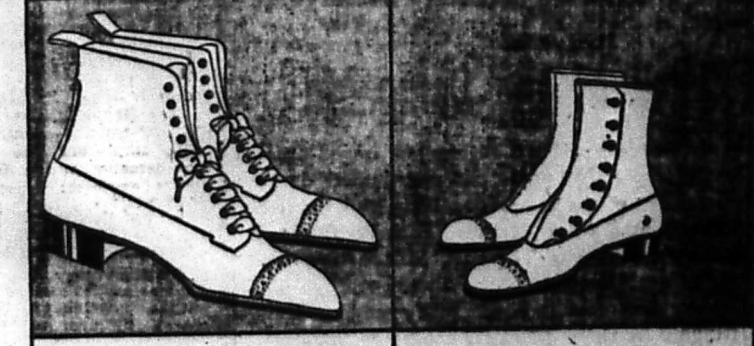
MEN'S Patent Calf Button Shoe, single sole, matt goat top, with one inch heel; price. **7.00**

YOUNG GIRLS' Gun Metal High Cut Button Shoe, medium toe, extension sole, 1½ inch military heel. Also in lace and tan Russia calf, patent leather and black kid; sizes 2½ to 6; at. **3.50**



MEN'S-Viking Calf Lace Shoe, made on the 2400 last with a full round toe, broad heel, wide shank, blind eyelets to top; price. **6.50**

LITTLE GIRLS' Black Kid with Patent Leather Tip, High Cut Button Shoe. Broad toe, True Form last. Also in lace and tan Russia calf, gun metal and patent leather. Sizes 11 to 2. **3.00**



MEN'S Russia Calf Blucher, with a light double sole, medium heel, double-faced back stay, fitted with the "Cammeyer" truss shank. **3.50**

LITTLE GIRLS' Tan Russia Calf Button broad toe, True Form last. Also in lace and gun metal, black kid and patent leather. Sizes 11 to 2. **2.50**



MEN'S Patent Calf Lace Shoe, made on the New York last, close edge sole, narrow toe, flat last, dull kid top; great value in this dress shoe at. **5.00**

LITTLE BOYS' Gun Metal Blucher Lace Shoe, broad toe, heavy extension sole, low heels. Also in tan Russia calf and patent leather; sizes 9 to 13½. **2.00**



MEN'S Gun Metal Calf Lace Shoe, made on a flat last with a medium toe, military heel and dull kid top, fitted with the double stitched English back stay. Price. **6.50**

Our celebrated "Little Home" shoes for children, made in black kid, patent leather, gun metal and tan Russia calf, broad toe (True Form), extension sole, medium heels. Sizes 8 to 13, at. **\$1.25**







WORKERS AT WORK HUDSON COUNTY

Waging Rip Snorting Campaign and Expect Victory in Several Places.

Frederick Gillier, organizer of the Socialist party of Hudson County, N. J., is enthusiastic over the prospects of the Hudson County Socialists in the coming election. They are waging a vigorous campaign throughout the county, and expect to give their old enemy a severe jolt on election day. In talking to a Call reporter yesterday, Gillier said: "On Friday evening, October 6, a street meeting was held at Washington and Morris streets, Jersey City, being a Polish Catholic neighborhood. There was a large crowd of Polish people at this meeting, which was held in front of the Polish Church. As the crowd became quite large, some four sisters from the church, went through the crowd and drove people away, telling them not to listen to the Socialist speakers. This act the speaker without an audience, and the meeting was adjourned. "We have now decided to hold a great mass meeting at this same corner on Friday evening, October 27. One thousand leaflets will be distributed about the factories and the church. E. T. Neben will be the principal speaker on this occasion. He is well able to fight the crowd, and there will be no leaving until the meeting is adjourned. Let every Comrade be at this meeting and help to make this a complete success. "In speaking of the prospects in Guttenburg, Gillier said: "A great campaign is being waged against capitalism by the Comrades in this town backed by the county. Our candidate for Mayor, Bernhard Brochner, is making a strong fight against the Democratic opponent. The Socialists have a complete ticket in the field. The fight is between the Socialist party and the Democrats, as there is no Republican ticket in the field. "A great mass meeting has been arranged for Guttenburg on Tuesday evening, October 24, at the corner of 35th street and Broadway. In case it rains the meeting will take place in Fortson Hall, at this same corner. The Hudson County "Five" and Drum Corps will be on deck. The speaker for this great meeting is E. T. Neben, of East Orange, one of the best speakers in the party, and M. Sherover, of New York. Let the Socialists and workingmen and their wives attend the meeting to hear what Comrade Neben has to say about the women voters. "The Socialists of Secaucus are confident of victory. Gillier said. He continued: "The workingmen in this town are doing things just the same as their employers, who are in politics, for their own interest, and not for the interest of their wage workers. The fight in this town is also between the Socialists and the Democrats. Many meetings have been held here. A large mass meeting is being arranged for Secaucus on Saturday evening, October 28. Neben will address a large street meeting at the corner of Washington and 3d streets. Many more will be arranged for Comrade Neben before the close of the campaign throughout the county. All the Comrades of Hudson County are waging a great battle for their emancipation from wage slavery."

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## "SWAT THAT FLY?" NOPE!

Many people with a less calm, judicial frame of mind than our editorial selves might hasten to declare Detective Burns a base, unmitigated falsifier, an absolute, deliberate liar, and several other adjectival descriptions of mendacity, for asserting that Eugene V. Debs has called for 200 men to assassinate him.

We dwell rather upon that statement with a complacent satisfaction and approval that has never been evoked by any of his previous utterances. It implies that Detective Burns is himself fully satisfied that the only way to get rid of objectionable elements is to murder them. Nor can he be accused of not acting up to his "principles" in that respect, as witness the McNamara brothers. And we believe that if Detective Burns were in Debs' place, that is the very thing he would do. It would naturally commend itself to him as the only sensible proceeding under the circumstances. Otherwise he would not have suggested or, rather, asserted it.

Under other circumstances it is possible that some Socialists might resort to assassination, but hardly in this case. It would be worse than a crime. It would be a blunder of the first magnitude, useless and foolish.

We won't trouble to clear Debs of the charge. He can take care of himself without any assistance from us, and though a humane and kindly disposed man, might be inclined to resent it, as such defense would be, unlike Burns' charge, a serious insult.

But we do not mind admitting to Burns that Debs and the rest of the Socialists have practically resolved to do away with him, and all like him, but not through assassination. It can't be done that way. It is this way, Detective Burns. The Socialists regard you and your brood much as a scientific sanitation board regards the malaria-carrying mosquito—a pest to be exterminated, to be sure, but that cannot be abolished by the "swat, swat, swat" method.

While people depended on the "swat" policy, the continuous assassination of single mosquitoes, malaria and yellow fever remained as before. It was not until they drained the swamps and dried out the breeding places of these noxious pests that they did away with them.

Even if Debs or any other Socialist did assassinate you, your place would be taken by other disease-carrying insects, who would bless Debs for giving them a chance to step into your shoes and graft on the capitalists. Debs knows that, and therefore you need never fear a swat from him or the 200 whom you imagine it requires to adequately swat such an important insect as yourself.

But they are going to do away with you—not Debs or his "200," but the entire working class—and all your breed, by draining the noxious and poisonous swamp of capitalism in which you spawn and germinate, and whence crowds of your malignant, disease-carrying species are now flying, to infect society with your poison and feed fat on the class struggle that exists within it.

That's how they are going to do away with you, Detective Burns. And if you think that's treason to such a formidable bug as you imagine yourself to be, why, make the most of it. The malaria mosquito didn't like it either, but his feelings were not consulted in the matter.

But the Socialists know that whether it is treason or not, it is reason anyhow, and they are going to make the most of it. They are not going to pursue any "swat that fly" policy with you. They are going to put you and your kind out of business permanently by the most up-to-date scientific methods of social sanitation.

## A WARNING TO SCOFFERS

It is about time now that the "attacks on religion" which have become so frequent of late should be put a stop to. Patient and long-suffering as the victims of these attacks have been, the time has arrived when patience has ceased to be a virtue, and when the traduced ones have determined no longer to turn their cheek to the smiter.

Pastor Russell, of Brooklyn, an evangelist whose light has by no means been permitted to shine under a bushel, is now suing the Brooklyn Eagle for \$100,000 damages in a libel suit. The Eagle has been "attacking religion" by intimating in a scurrilous and blasphemous manner that Pastor Russell has been flouting the public—or at least that portion of it that he has access to—by selling a certain commodity known as "Miracle Wheat" for \$1 a pound at his Brooklyn Tabernacle. Not content with this, the Eagle has added insult to injury by cartooning the reverend salesman as a grafting street hawker working an "Easy Money" flimsiam. Russell declares his standing and reputation in the community have been damaged to the extent of \$100,000, and seeks to recover that sum.

This "Miracle Wheat" is supposed to be a new breed of grain whose yield is enormously greater than that of the common variety. The libel suit will undoubtedly be a test of its miraculous qualities. If it "yields" Pastor Russell \$100,000, where is the blasphemer that would dare insinuate that its title is a misnomer? Or that the Eagle, far from "attacking religion," is in reality attempting to purify it by driving the money changer out of the temple?

In a certain sense we hope that Pastor Russell may be successful in getting the wherewithal he asks for, as we think he knows how to use it effectively in his business—we mean his religion. Advertising costs money these days, and P. R. has been a liberal advertiser. Besides, a most promising vista of revivalism is opening up in the near future, and all that is required to take advantage of the flood tide is the necessary finance to cover the vastly extended operations that will be required to adequately take care of that future.

At the same time we sympathize with the Eagle, for we know what it is to be there ourselves. For the hour of our tribulation also draweth nigh. In a day or two we are to be called before the bar of public opinion in an up-State city, to answer a charge of blasphemy, atheism and irreligion, for making a disrespectful observation concerning Noah's Ark at a McNamara protest meeting and alluding to the "Men and Religion Forward Movement" as being financed by Morgan and other capitalists.

We are not being sued for \$100,000, for we haven't got it. But we are expected to make an apology. We will. And we hope the injured parties will be on hand to hear it.

(N. B.—Full particulars of the recantation will appear in a coming issue of this paper.)

We suggest that the Eagle pursue the same course with Pastor Russell, if not too late, and make an ample apology to that gentleman. Forgiveness is the sweetest satisfaction that Christians can conceive of.

But it is just as well for all scoffers to understand that disrespectful allusions to miracles, whether concerning wheat or the Deluge, will no longer be tolerated by an unenlightened though engaged community. These "attacks on religion" must cease once for all.

## DIGNITY SOILED BY MANUAL LABOR

One of the minor contradictions in conventional bourgeois thought is exemplified in the story of a Chicago clergyman who resigned the other day from his pastorate, because the members of his congregation thought he lowered the dignity of the cloth, by working during the week as an express messenger in overalls. They made it so unpleasant for him that he was forced to resign.

The poor man, whose clerical salary was small, had contracted some debts, and seeing no chance of paying them from his salary, took the express job, which paid him \$18 per week, as the only way in which he could cancel his financial obligations. But the manual labor lowered his dignity in the minds of his congregation, and he was practically forced out.

The idea seems a curious one in that it exists in the same bourgeois brains that uneasily prate of the "dignity of labor." They would not concede for one moment that Christ lowered his dignity by working as a carpenter, or St. Paul as a tent maker. On the contrary, the statement that Christ was a carpenter is a favorite argument with these people when attempting to convert workmen who have "backslid" or are outside the churches. A revivalist that would not only fail to mention this, but also to emphasize it, would be considered as incompetent for his job.

Nor would they seemingly entertain the idea of finding a way out by paying the clergyman's debts, or raising his salary to enable him to do so. The eternal law of supply and demand forbids.

There is, however, an explanation for this seemingly strange contradiction, and it may be summed up in the statement, that they did not consider he was lowering his own dignity, but theirs.

And we will hazard a guess also that the debts he contracted were not owed to the members of his congregation who forced him to resign. Had they been, the chances are that they would have let him don the overalls until they were paid and then fired him afterwards.

Despite all professions to the contrary, the average middle class congregation regards its pastor in much the same way that a wealthy parvenu looks upon the menials who wear his livery. That livery represents the master's wealth, respectability and standing in the community, and must only be used for the special purpose for which it was made. If the head butler, for instance, so demeaned himself as to take up the function of "boots" or stable boy, or my lady's personal maid went into the kitchen and acted as scullery wench in addition to her special occupation, the master and mistress would feel disgraced and there would be a rumpus in that establishment both above and below stairs.

The idea about a menial "knowing his place" includes much more than merely a respectful attitude to the heads of the household. It means, in addition, that he must keep the special place for which he was engaged, and not butt into other departments, especially those considered as "lower" than his distinctive occupation.

It is not very different with a clergyman employed by the people of the same mental composition. They have hired him for a distinct purpose and clothed him with a special livery ap-

propriate to it or customarily thought to be so. It is true, there is a fiction which supposes the clergyman to be a man of God and wearing the special livery of the Deity, but the bourgeois is not willing to relinquish his own more substantial rights of proprietorship and control, when he knows he actually pays the salary, and so he reduces the proprietorship of the Deity in his clergyman to a mere pious figure of speech. The latter may represent God, to be sure, but he represents his congregation—or the most influential part of it—much more. And they can be trusted to see to it that he does, on peril of discharge from their employ.

Had the clergyman tried to pay his debts by writing a book or teaching pupils theology in his spare time no objection would have been forthcoming, as he would not have lowered the dignity of his congregation by such extraneous activity.

He might even perform some sort of manual labor without giving offense. For instance, he might cultivate a garden or raise chickens, or raise a kitchen truck for the use of his table to save expenses. He might even go on a fishing or duck shooting expedition and sell the product, if he was lucky enough to procure a "bag" larger than he could use. While he contended that he was only cultivating, fishing or shooting for recreation and exercise, the pretense would be eagerly accepted, but if he told the truth, it would also shock his congregation, though perhaps to a lesser extent than if he donned the overalls of an express messenger. In these matters there is nothing the bourgeois hates more than truth and reality, for the very evident reason that his mental attitude on them is almost completely pretense and sham.

The incident above mentioned should go far to modify the charge of snobbishness and servility often charged against preachers, for it is evident enough that where such characteristics exist they are to a large extent forced upon them by their congregations. The preacher is hemmed around closely by a bulwark of conventional bourgeois prejudices and pretenses, which he can only break through by imperiling his living. In such matters it is the pews, not the pulpit, which dominates.

It may be, too, that these actions are more instinctive than deliberately repellent to his code of ethics. He bourgeois follows his instincts generally without attempting to examine them. It is the same with the workman, also, and incidents like the above may not unlikely have considerable influence in keeping him out of the church, for they do not pass unnoticed by him and are instinctively repellent to his code of ethics. He lives in a world of reality and has little use for shams of this sort, though they are the breath of life to his bourgeois employers. And while they remain dominant in church policy, it is not likely that the workman will be attracted by eulogies of Christ as a carpenter, Peter as a fisherman and Paul as a tent maker, from people who really show by their actions how they despise manual labor as undignified if not dishonorable in their own special servants among the ministry. The workman sees and understands—at least enough to keep him from inflicting his undesirable company upon them.

## POLITICS AND BUSINESS

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

Verily are we come upon strange times!

For, wonder of wonders, the Philadelphia Public Ledger is turning yellow. The ancient and honorable, conservative and timid grandmother of all newspapers is changing into a yellow journal.

It comes out openly and brazenly accuses the Republican leaders of having stolen—that is the word it uses—stolen no less than \$1,200,000.

Now, not that enough to make the shade of George W. Childs turn black with amazement?

The gentlemanly Senate Commission which has been lexowing Philadelphia has discovered that the politicians have been spending the public money to build boulevards. By the strangest of all coincidences these boulevards, serve as the backyard for the various politicians in their various balliwicks. And what is so strange and unbelievable, these same politicians, at the psychological moment, bought up such property as would have to be taken by the city to make way for the boulevards. And what passed all understanding, the politicians sold their newly bought property to the city for strikingly handsome sums!

Is that not enough to make any respectable journal, even Granny Ledger, shriek with anger?

Now, may one be permitted, with all apologies, to put in a word of reason at this juncture for the Ledger to consider? Would it be presumptuous to ask the Ledger to remember the dignity of its calling and not descend to the low plane of mud-raking?

And would it be presumptuous to ask the Ledger to remember that it, or is alleged to be, a paper for the spread of news? And we respectfully submit that what the Ledger is printing about the Republican party is not news.

It is the commonest kind of street talk. It is something everybody in Philadelphia knows, from the suckling babe to the tottering octogenarian.

Even the so-called reform newspapers know it.

Under the circumstances, it is almost too much to hope that Granny Ledger will listen to anything calculated to calm her troubled spirits and agitated soul. Especially since an election is pending, and granny has visions of seeing the candidate for Mayor of its choosing given the keys to City Hall.

But we can at least appeal from granny drunk to granny sober. And so we may ask:

What would granny say if the Socialist party should change the \$1,200,000 is a mere drop in the bucket of debt, and that there will be many times that amount taken from the city by contractors and bankers and eminently respectable industrial kings, if either the Republican party or the reform party wins? What would granny say to the charge that there will be several millions a year lifted out of the city treasury by private individuals, if the Socialist party does not win, that would be spent for the public benefit, those should it win?

What would granny say if the Socialist party were to charge that many times

the \$1,200,000 is taken yearly by those who own or control the industries of the city and hire the men, women and children who toil for them? What would it say if the Socialist party should charge that this robbery—to use the Ledger's word—will go on just as well whether the reformers win as it is now going on under a Republican administration?

What would granny say if the Socialist party should tell her that Philadelphia will never have a clean government until the snaf-out of big business is driven out of the City Hall? What would granny say if it were told that the people of Philadelphia will never enjoy the fruits of their toil until they are the city's government?

We hope the Ledger will recover its balance.

For political graft will not go until the Socialist party wins. And the robbery of the people who work and buy the things they make, after passing through the sieve of capital, will not end for some days to come.

The Ledger save its strength. It can make its best fight for honesty in politics and business by supporting Socialism.

## GAVE HIS REASON.

The head of a certain public park, whose work is admired by thousands of visitors every summer, is as outspoken as he is capable.

One day he was ordered to appear at a meeting to explain why he had made certain alterations without consulting the board. "Well, gentlemen," he remarked in answer to the charge, "the alterations are a success, and that satisfies me."

"But that isn't the point," said the chairman. "Why didn't you consult me on the matter?"

"Because, sir, I'm satisfied with my place at present, and intend to keep it. I don't think you're going the right way to keep your situation, then," said the chairman.

"Well, I do, an' that's where we differ," returned the gardener, boldly. "I've had the job five years, and before I came you'd four gardeners in twelve months. Why? Because the first tried to please the chairman and failed. The second tried to please the gentlemen of the board and didn't stop a month. The third tried to please the secretary, and he went. The fourth tried to please the visitors, and so ran foul of the board. The fifth—that's me—pleases himself an' keeps his job!"

And, he it remarked, the gardener is still "pleasing himself" at the same place.

A German anti-alcoholic journal, Der Guttempler, relates that two Germans who were crossing the Luxembourg frontier declared to the customs officials:

"We have with us three bottles of red wine each. How much is there to pay?"

"Where is it?" asked one.

"Well, inside us."

The official gravely looked at his tariff book and read:

"Wine in cask, 20c. in donkeys hides, free. Gentlemen," he added, looking up, "you can go."

## SOCIALISM AND THE HOW TO ORGANIZE THE OFFICE WORKERS

By THERESA MALIKIEL.

To the average party member, the city dweller, a farmer is a conservative property owner, who like any other property owner of the middle class, treasures his property above everything else and naturally enough opposes Socialism and with it the co-operative system of production and distribution. This seems to be the view even of some of our advanced thinkers, for in a recent article in the International Socialist Review Comrade Frank Bohn says:

"In most States the farming population is still proportionally so large as to make the capture of the State governments by the Socialist party quite impossible the next ten years to come."

What an erroneous statement! The illusion that the farmer at large is conservative is just as false as the one that every farmer is a property owner. On the contrary, the fact that the farming population is in the majority in those States should, if anything, be a hopeful sign of speedy victory.

Next to the miner and railroad man the farmer is the most hopeful material for Socialist propaganda. If the worker in the mill and factory is a victim of oppression and exploitation by the capitalist system, the farmer is even more so.

Likewise the rest of the working class the farmer is fast losing his independence, his individuality of bygone days, and becoming part and parcel of the modern proletariat. According to the United States census the farming population of the United States has increased for the last fifteen years as follows: Of every 100 farmers added, 27 were property owners, while the remaining 73 were wage-earning employees, either as farm hands on the large farms or as renters on the smaller ones. Looking over the lists of inhabitants in one Oklahoma county I was startled at the fact that out of a farming population of 3,228 farmers, only 519 were property owners, while the rest were all renters.

From later inquiries I came to the conclusion that the above fact was not only the characteristic of that one county, but almost every county in the agricultural regions. Of all the exploited people the poor renter is the most to be pitied, for he is the most exploited.

The factory worker knows that once a week, or month, he gets a certain sum on which he must make ends meet. The renter knows that he never gets anything for certain. He usually rents his farm in the fall of the year and immediately proceeds to plow the ground, fertilize it and sow wheat. He thus works through the winter and in spring again he must repair the barn, get up the house, or a hut, tend to the cattle and do a number of other things that take his whole time. All this is simply preparatory work for the spring and summer, and while he is thus occupied he gets not a cent, but only a few cents but must live on what little crops and vegetables he has succeeded in storing away. This lasts at the utmost until early spring, when the poor renter must make his way to the money sharks to get enough for seed and a little extra to pull over until the new crop. With the first rays of the spring sun his hard labor commences—he labors incessantly from sunrise to sundown, not only he alone, but his wife and children, beginning with those of kindergarten age. For six, seven months they don't know what it means to rest, there is no Sunday or holiday, when the work is to be done.

At last the crop is gathered, thrashed and brought into the barn, where the renter must divide it evenly, giving one-half to the land owner for the use of the land and taking the other half for his own and family's use. Robbed of one-half, the renter now takes the second half to the local dealer, who is as a rule, the very money shark who lent him the money. He has no other market and is compelled to sell at a low price for a little cash, but with his debt and has a few dollars left to buy the most necessary things, but if only the reverse is the case, he is left only with a cent, but with a growing debt to the loan shark.

The remaining property owners watch this process carefully—the renter is one of their flock, his father before him has run a good paying farm while he and his boys made a good living. The boy who is now married, and the farm, previously so profitable for the one family, failed to support five families. The younger generation had started out for itself. The father mortgaged the farm and gave each a small sum of money. Next on the scene came the foreclosure of the mortgage.

It is this steady process of eliminating the small property owner, perhaps the only thing that causes the farmer to lend a willing ear to the propaganda of Socialism. The farmer is fast realizing that he is at the complete mercy of the railroads, the commission merchants, the money sharks and the local dealer. He is being classed with the workmen.

"The class struggle is becoming as vivid to him as to the rest of us. He listens earnestly to the encampment speaker and buys Socialist pamphlets. He leads a hard life. During the long winter evenings he resurrects them, from the book shelf and by the light of the dim kerosene lamp he ponders laboriously over their contents. Over and over again he goes through the same lines until they sink deep into his mind, until he comes to the conclusion that the only good bit of work to be done in order to lighten the future prospects of his children is the work for Socialism."

## A SURE TEST.

On a pleasant Sunday afternoon an old German and his youngest son were seated in the village inn. The father had partaken liberally of the homebrewed beer, and was warning his son against the evils of intemperance. "Never drink too much, my son. A gentleman stops when he has enough. To be drunk is a disgrace."

"Yes, father; but how can I tell when I have enough or an drunk?"

The old man pointed with his finger. "Do you see those two men sitting in the corner? If you should see four men there you would be drunk."

The boy looked long and earnestly. "Yes, father, but—there is only one man in that corner."

"Did you hear what happened at Bagley's today?"

"No, what was it?"

"He took down an old pistol he had had about the house for years, and playfully snapped the trigger at his wife, thinking it wasn't loaded."

"Good heavens!"

"Well, it wasn't."

The office workers of today are in a position as follows:

First—They are the least respected and most exploited of all workers.

Second—Their salaries do not rise much more than that of trade workers, and are often less.

Third—There are at present a large number of unemployed among office workers.

Fourth—Unemployment among them is becoming greater and greater every year.

Fifth—Their standard of pay is getting lower and lower, because:

(a) There are more office workers willing and anxious to work than there are positions to fill.

(b) Reduction of office forces and business college recruits cause:

1. Salaries to become smaller and smaller, and

2. Helps increase number of office workers unemployed.

The status of office workers in connection with their office is a peculiar and somewhat mixed up. It is from this that many people base their arguments to the effect that office workers cannot be organized. Their reasons are as follows:

First—There are different kinds of office workers, some who are good, some passable, and others incompetent.

Second—There are different conditions in different offices forcing most to work very hard, some moderately, and a very few with "soft snaps" or sinecures.

Third—Office workers come in direct contact with employers, are in their confidence, and could be easily swayed against joining a union.

Fourth—Office workers make a conglomerate body, there being therein friends or relatives of employers, members of high social circles, and the mere office workers who compose the majority, with whom we are principally concerned.

Thus we have a brief survey of the office workers as viewed from all angles. To effect an organization among this portion of the working class would appear to be a tremendous task, yet no one can claim that it would be very easy. The writer himself once had many doubts as to its practicability. It appears like a fantastical scheme, and it would be, were it not for conditions surrounding us, which we have no control.

These different conditions can be very easily answered, nevertheless. Were all office workers perfectly satisfied with their past treatment, their present positions and future prospects, the talk of unionism or organization for them would be all in vain. But it so happens that the majority of office workers are discontented, are bemoaning their fate, and are kicking like mad mules. They know something is the matter, but do not know how to remedy their deplorable condition. In the face of this discontent, the office workers would be an easy lot to reach for organization purposes. How can they be reached? Just as trade workers are reached—at the places where they work. The organizers would, of course, have to know the psychology of the office workers and would of necessity have to be acquainted with their work. And, what is of most importance, these organizers would have to represent a unionism that is strong and not liable to break.

The kind of unionism, under whose banner office workers will march, is a matter of much importance. They cannot afford to trust themselves to trade unions, because, after one strike for longer pay or shorter hours, they would find themselves alone, forlorn and isolated, besides being the laughing stock of the community. The office workers in order to win a strike must have the undivided and hearty co-operation of their fellow trade workers. In order to accomplish this, the office workers would have to be organized into an industrial union.

To illustrate exactly what is meant, we will take the steel industry for example. An industrial union would

take in all the workers of that industry, whether they be drivers, mechanics, carpenters, engineers, machinists, stenographers, telephone operators, bookkeepers or clerks. All these would be organized into one compact union. Now, let us assume that this steel workers' industrial union is asked to vote upon a strike because the office workers desire more pay and less hours for labor. The steel industry goes out on strike as to help out the office workers. When the places of office workers would be an easy matter to fill, it would be very difficult to replace the workers of an entire industry satisfied with the strike would, of course, be the office workers would get the share of benefits because they belong to an industrial union.

The American Federation of Labor would, on the other hand, allow the weak office workers' union to act for itself. It may give it some special aid, but what else can they do? What have they in their power to properly help office workers who go on strike? Nothing. Office workers will merely be tolerated simply because they help strengthen the Federation numerically and financially. The trade union, as applied to office workers, will never succeed in obtaining any real benefits. The office workers alone in a trade union would be a body without arms or legs. Organized on an industrial basis and welded into the different industrial unions, according to the industry wherein office workers are employed, the office workers will be able to present as strong a front as any other portion of the industrial union.

The foregoing is not the result of thoughts of a dreamer, but is the conclusion drawn after a thorough study of this question of unionism as applied to the office worker. The conditions of office workers are peculiar, and are known in full detail only by themselves. It requires a person to be on the ground in order to be acquainted with all conditions in connection therewith.

The following important fact cannot be emphasized too strongly: The Socialists have done, and are doing more to educate the office worker than any other force in industry today. It might be said that capitalism is forcing them to understand, but this is not absolutely true. Capitalism is forcing them to see, and Socialists are forcing them to understand. See and understanding—the two combined—are the elements that make success in causing the office workers to know just what is what.

What labor unions or the American Federation of Labor have done to educate the office workers, is something which inquiry by the writer has failed to disclose. While in Great Britain, New York there is today a Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants' Union, there is no evidence which points to the fact that most of the office workers in downtown New York are acquainted with the fact, nor do they really know what unionism is. They do, they in all likelihood obtained their information from Socialists who help open air street meetings in that part of the city.

"An Office Workers' Union" numbers of downtown office people have asked. "Why, we never heard of a union for office people." "What about them, who are the members, and what good does it do?"

As has been explained in previous articles on this subject, the office worker represents an unexploited babe. It must be led into the fold. It is crying for an opportunity to do so. But, poor chap, it is unlucky. What because American union men, after sitting on a tack thousands of times, have failed to see the point. The trade union form of workers' organization is still here. When it dies, the Industrial Union steps in to take its place, then the office worker will find a haven where respect, honor, co-operation and strength will come to him as a heritage of the law of industrial evolution.

## THE DANGEROUS AGE Answers to Correspondents

I have read the hysterical novel "The Dangerous Age," by Kaerlin Michaels, about which everybody is talking more or less nonsense. It is the story of a neurotic woman who left her husband because—well, because apparently he had other things than sex to think about. She was forty-three. She went to live on an island. She lived most unreservedly, always thinking about men as thinking mostly passionately about her, and particularly of a young architect. Even going bathing in the sea did not cool this Elsie Lindtner's blood. She sent for her young architect. He came. He looked her over. She was too old. He went away and then Elsie had another terrible time keeping the brakes upon herself.

There were times when she was like to go and assault the gardener, who was the lover of her old and ugly servant. Then she wrote to her husband. But he was getting a divorce to marry a younger girl. So Elsie submitted and became a wandering grass widow. All this she tells in a diary. It is a level of sexual self-concern. If women often get that way, as Elsie says they all do, it is a wonder more men are not forcibly seized and violated against their will. If the book were true, it would be "to the tall timber" for more men any old time a woman of forty-two cast her glance upon them. The diary would have us believe that it would be a good plan to lock up women at that age. The diarist was so afflicted she tried to run away from herself and quench her passion in the rough, rude sea. As I say, I read the book (John Lane, New York) feeling much like a visitor in the symphonium ward of an asylum. When I had done with it I turned to Mrs. Gaskell's dear old "Cranford" and its dear old ladies, and read it straight through to the sweetening and the strengthening of the soul in me. "Cranford," you'll say, isn't modern. The device isn't. Didn't I read therein of the dear old ladies who would have us believe that it would be a good plan to lock up women at that age. The diarist was so afflicted she tried to run away from herself and quench her passion in the rough, rude sea. As I say, I read the book (John Lane, New York) feeling much like a visitor in the symphonium ward of an asylum. When I had done with it I turned to Mrs. Gaskell's dear old "Cranford" and its dear old ladies, and read it straight through to the sweetening and the strengthening of the soul in me. "Cranford," you'll say, isn't modern. The device isn't. Didn't I read therein of the dear old ladies who would have us believe that it would be a good plan to lock up women at that age. The diarist was so afflicted