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To Our Readers

The July Edition of SOCIAL REVOLUTION was held up by postal authorities at St. Louis. As soon as we found out that this edition was held up, we immediately printed another edition, cutting out all matter that we thought "objectionable" to the postal authorities. This second edition was then held up and refused transmission in the mail.

For this reason many of our subscribers have not received their papers. We will, however, continue to publish our paper regularly. Every possible effort will be made to comply with the law and postal regulations. But do not let this discourage you in getting subscriptions. We need them now, more than ever before, and hope that each comrade will put forth every effort to do his share.

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Sec. 2. Amendments to Postal Laws and Regulations.

Order No. 431.

Washington, June 16, 1917.

The Postal Laws and Regulations of 1913 is hereby amended by the addition of the following as Section 481 1-2.

1. Every letter, writing, circular, postal card, picture, print, engraving, photograph, newspaper, pamphlet, book, or other publication, matter, or thing, of any kind, in violation of any of the provisions of this act (Act of June 15, 1917, Espionage Bill), is hereby declared to be non-mailable matter and shall not be conveyed in the mails or delivered from any post office or by any letter carrier: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize any person other than an employee of the Dead Letter Office, duly authorized thereto, or other person upon a search warrant authorized by law, to open any letter not addressed to himself. (Act of June 15, 1917; Sec. 1, Title XII.)

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4. Whoever shall use or attempt to use the mails or Postal Service of the United States for the transmission of any matter declared by this title (Title XII, Act of June 15, 1917, Espionage Bill) to be non-mailable, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. Any person violating any provision of this title may be tried and punished either in the district in which the unlawful matter or publication was mailed, or to which it was carried by mail for delivery according to the direction thereon, or in which it was caused to be delivered by mail to the person to whom it was addressed. (Act of June 15, 1917, Sec. 3, Title XII.)

5. The postmaster shall not give opinions to the public, and when in doubt as to the mailability of any matter under the above statute he shall withhold the same from dispatch or delivery, as the case may be, and submit the question with samples of the matter to the Solicitor for the Post Office Department for instructions.

SOCIALIST PRESS THROTTLED BY THE POSTAL CENSORSHIP

By JOHN HAND

Staff Correspondent, SOCIAL REVOLUTION

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Yesterday there came to Washington a committee of four lawyers for the Socialist party—Morris Hillquit and Seymour Stedman, party members, and Clarence Darrow and Frank P. Walsh, labor attorneys. They met Amos Pinchot, representing the Civil Liberties Bureau of the American Union Against Militarism. They met also Editors Engdahl of the American Socialist, Ruthenberg of the Cleveland Socialist News, Ervin of the New York Call, Hogue of the Baltimore Public Ownership, and Hickey of the Texas Rebel. Ervin, head of the big eastern daily of the party, alone declined to enter into any discussion with administration officials. The others visited the Department of Justice in the morning and the Post-office Department in the afternoon. They talked three hours at each place. They pleaded, in vain, for a lifting of the embargo against Socialist weekly and monthly papers and magazines.

Burleson refused to construe the Espionage Act, under which he claims authority for the refusal of his office and of his subordinates to permit some fifteen Socialist publications to pass through the mails. He refused to give any statement as to what is permissible, claiming that this would be used to give a color of legality to publications to appear hereafter. He denied, of course, that he wanted to suppress any paper. He insisted that he was carrying out the intent of the law of June 15, 1917, which permits him to declare unmailable anything which he considers to be in violation of the Espionage Act. What would constitute violations he would not specify.

But the holding up of one, two, three or more editions of a weekly Socialist paper, on the claim that some one or more of these editions is in his judgment meant to hinder recruiting for the United States army, or is in some other way contrary to the law, is but the first step in the general scheme. The next step is the service of notice upon Socialist papers thus held up that they must "show cause" why their second-class mailing privilege should not be cancelled by the Department. Such notice had been served

on the Cleveland Socialist News before the committee arrived here. It was served yesterday on the American Socialist. No doubt it has gone to all the weekly papers affected by the refusal of transmittal through the mails.

Tom Hickey of The Rebel, after two days of studying the ground here, said that he would probably have to go home to Texas and close up his plant, since the Department showed no intention of giving him a chance to send his paper to his 25,000 subscribers. Hallettsville has been made a second-class postoffice—although it has only 1,300 inhabitants—chiefly on account of his paper. Burleson and the other Texas politicians have been trying for years to "get" Tom Hickey, because of his unremitting warfare on the landlordism by which they thrive. He is a voice for the 250,000 heads of families who are renters of Texas land, and for the 69,000 farmers who can't lift their mortgages. For a while, they will stop his paper, no doubt.

Curiously enough, this administration has caused one small ray of intelligence to percolate—Mr. Burleson, assured Darrow and Hillquit that he had frowned upon the suggestion that there be instituted criminal prosecution of the men who wrote the articles to which he or his postmasters had taken exception. But he will go right on choking the Socialist press if it does not please him.

At the Department of Justice, the committee talked with Judge Herron, assistant to Attorney General Gregory in these cases. Herron was unwilling to make any definite promises, but he did suggest that the Department might possibly issue a statement which would serve as a guide to the Socialist editors and writers, by pointing out certain passages in publications thus far held up that were considered to violate the Espionage Act. The tone of Judge Herron was distinctly less repressive than that of Postmaster General Burleson, throughout.

Neither the New York Call, nor the Jewish Daily Forward, nor the Milwaukee Leader, nor any other daily Socialist paper, has thus far been suppressed. The ones held up are the

smaller, weaker ones, with the addition of the Appeal to Reason, which has always been strong enough to give a good account of itself in a brush with hostile heads of the Postoffice Department.

Now, what are the facts?

Hillquit told Judge Herron that the Socialists believe that all wars are deterrent of social progress, and that because the Socialists are anxious that humanity shall improve its state of civilization they are unwilling that wars shall be forced upon the world by the capitalist class. For this reason, he argued, they had made their moral protest against this war as against all previous wars since Socialism became a power. And because the saving of humanity from barbarism was worth fighting for, they would continue to work for orderly evolution of humanity and the ending of all war.

There was another, and a stronger advocate than any of the five lawyers or the editors, present at these interviews with the two Department officials. Back of them, and inspiring their every word of protest, was the spirit of New Russia. These Democratic party appointees in office knew it. They saw what the Socialist committee saw—a nation greater by far in numbers than the American Nation, freed in a day from age-old tyranny, freed from superstition and militarist autocracy and fear of "nobility," setting forth on the highway of a splendid humane civilization with the red flag of Socialism in its upraised right hand.

Russia today approaches the prison door of American liberty. Russia, free and really democratic, sets an example which not even the wildest enthusiasm over the successes of American armies in France can obscure from anxious American eyes. Russia is free. America must keep step in democracy. To do else would be to deny the fundamental character of American life. Capitalism is fighting with its back to the wall. It sees its doom, as democracy, loosed in Eastern Europe, marches toward the West. It strikes blindly about, seeking to cut off the lips of the first to cry for democracy and humanity and orderly evolution in the United States.

Burleson, honest in his reactionary views, is the instrument of this capitalist spirit, as the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates in Petrograd is the instrument of free democracy. Burleson, like some hypnotic subject of a desperate capitalist society,

orders, silence in America. Russia, through her Council, shouts emancipation to the whole world.

Who will win?

Can the Socialists of America afford to smile, and bide their time?

There are men in the United States Senate, even today, who see almost clearly what is to come. These men are getting ready to make some sort of protest against the closing of the mouth of any man, no matter what his political views. They think that the coming years will deal severely with the repression of thought.

And today, July 17, 1917, there were sentenced to terms of sixty days each, in prison in the District of Columbia, sixteen college-bred and gently-nurtured women, who had competed for the honor of going to jail as martyrs to the women's fight of democracy. The fire of martyrdom burned in their eyes, the high courage that overturns stupid governmental policies and administrations glowed in their cheeks, as they spurned the alternative of a small fine and marched out to prison.

Has the spirit of New Russia, burning also in America these past years, flamed up through the hard, deterrent barrier of class and social caste, in this country? Has ignorance and greed, upon which the old regime has built its structure, lost one more stronghold—the so-called gentlewomen?

Ask the daughter of Charles A. Dana, who smiled pityingly at the police judge today. Ask the brilliant, silver-haired sister of former Secretary of War Stimson. Ask the scholarly daughter of Thomas F. Bayard, first American Ambassador to England, and Secretary of State under President Cleveland. Ask Mrs. Gilson Gardner, wife of one of the political writers who made the Progressive Party in 1912. Ask the portrait painter, the college professor, the holder of a life-saving medal, who sleep in that prison tonight.

President Wilson has written and talked much of democracy—and these women cannot be saved from jail even by their social caste or their human heroism. Were they working girls, no one would give them a thought. The President can pardon them. Perhaps he will. Otherwise some of these martyrs may die in prison.

The President, by a word to Burleson, can modify his repression of the Socialist papers. Perhaps after protest has grown, he will. The keeping of the character of capitalist society is in the President's hands, in so far as it is in the hands of any man.

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EDITORIALS

By Eugene V. Debs

THE DAYS THAT TRY MEN

There are a good many men who shrink from being tried. They realize instinctively that they cannot afford to be tried, for the reason that they have not within them the stuff that will stand the test.

These men are weak mentally and morally, and rather than face a trial that will test their mettle and develop what strength there may be latent in them, they shift and dodge, sneak and submit, and finally are reduced to the lowest level of impotency and servitude.

There are other men, not so many, who rather court the chance to challenge fate and who are willing to risk temporary defeat to win final success.

The days that try men are generally regarded as dark days, when in fact they are among the brightest that come into our lives. The days that try men may be hard on the poor fellows who are too weak and spineless to stand up and fight when the tocsin sounds for battle, but the men who have red blood in their veins and moral courage in their souls buckle on their armor and go forth to battle with the determination to put the enemy to rout and win the day for right and justice.

The days that try men developed the "fathers" of the American revolution, the heroes of the French revolution, and the immortal leaders in every other crisis through which humanity has passed on its march to freedom and justice. Without these trying days, these crucial tests, these men would never have been known.

The world today is again passing through days that try men. The weak and cowardly will go down, disappear as if they had never been; but the men and women of pluck and courage, of principle and purpose, of character and ideals will bravely meet whatever comes and finally win the victory that will inscribe their names in the annals of their times and win for them the love and honor of mankind.

It is a very easy and simple matter to howl with the popular majority but it takes the stuff of which manhood is made to stand fearless and erect with the unpopular few, or if need be, alone.

Class-conscious organization both industrial and political, is absolutely essential in the struggle to overthrow wage-slavery and emancipate the working class.

PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS

There is a good deal of confusion about the terms which heads this article. We hear men talk about the privilege of working, the privilege of voting, the privilege of sitting in the gallery of a legislature of their supposed servants and many other so-called privileges which are not privileges at all but inherent rights.

Emerson said: "I cannot consent to pay for a privilege where I have an intrinsic right." There is nothing more pathetic than to see an awe-stricken, trembling working man in a capitalist court room. He looks upon the judge almost as a deity, when that judge is in fact but his servant. Yet that poor, ignorant wage-slave considers that he is enjoying a high privilege to be permitted to sit at the feet of that judge who as a rule is but a very ordinary person, generally petty, puffed up, and not slow to take advantage of the ignorant worker by posing and strutting as if he were actually the lordly personage the poor wage-slave thinks he is.

Let us working people stop belittling and degrading ourselves by talking of our rights as privileges. Let us demand our rights instead of begging for privileges. Let us stand straight up on our dignity as becomes men and women; let us cease fawning at the feet of titled nobodies, whether they be politicians, judges, preachers or any other specimens of the so-called "upper class." We have been taught to look up to these dressed-up persons as our "superiors." That lie has degraded and disgraced us and our antecedents for

centuries. We are not the inferiors of these gentlemen, certainly not of our official servants; and in fact we acknowledge no inferiority to any set of human beings on earth.

We, the working class are immeasurably superior to the parasites and leeches that live out of our labor and when we permit ourselves to fawn at their feet and lick their boots we justify the supercilious contempt with which they regard us as their inferiors.

Let us be men and women, demand and insist upon our rights, and when we have these we will not need to have privileges granted to us from any source whatsoever.

The unconquerable soul plucks hope from despair, courage from defeat, life from death, and thus makes itself immortal.

Billy Sunday vouches for John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller vouches for Billy Sunday. The devil vouches for them both.

Think, Mr. Workingman, think! If you will only do that and keep it up you are free and the world is yours.

WOMAN AND THE FRANCHISE

The woman's movement to secure the franchise is steadily growing in favor and increasing in power in spite of all the vicious and reactionary influences arrayed against it. The movement is developing a class of splendid women who are proving in the struggle that they are entitled to, all that is claimed for their sex in their propaganda. They are proving to be the most eloquent of speakers, the most convincing of reasoners, and the most powerful and persuasive of pleaders and propagandists for their cause.

We do not over-estimate the value of the ballot in the hands of woman so far as the mere ballot is concerned, but entirely aside from that the movement is a vital one, has great moral force, and if properly directed can be made a vital factor in the industrial and social revolution. Too many Socialists are indifferent to woman's struggle for the ballot because they see only the ballot in it, and realizing to their disgust how little men have thus far been able to do for themselves with the ballot, they conclude that there is not enough in the woman's movement to pay any special attention to. But they are in error. They under-value its importance as an educational movement. They overlook the fact that through the agitation of the women for the ballot they have awakened hundreds of thousands of their sex from indifference, lifted them up out of their lethargy, and set them thinking and acting along lines that lead not only to the ballot box but through the ballot box to industrial and social emancipation.

The Socialist party is entitled to and ought to have the sympathy and support of the live women engaged in the struggle for the ballot, and for purely tactical reasons, if for no other, it should espouse their cause, make special effort to vitalize and strengthen their movement, fight their battles wherever they may be waged, and do all in its power to show the women of the world not only that the Socialist party champions woman in her struggle for enfranchisement but that it champions the whole human race in its infinitely greater struggle for industrial freedom and social justice, for world-wide brotherhood and peace.

There is one good thing about an historic crisis: It compels a "show-down" and a consequent separation of the sheep and goats. The weaklings, hypocrites and false pretenders are exposed for what they are and go down to oblivion while the true men and women develop their highest powers and demonstrate their fidelity to themselves and their loyalty to the cause of humanity.

DISCOURAGING SIGNS

We are not inclined to see anything discouraging in the labor movement. We must prefer and always try to see in everything in and about it and everything that happens to it an indication of its growing power and a promise of its final victory. Even the very worst that happens we try to construe as an evil necessary to the experience of its membership and to its ultimate success.

But now and then something happens, sometimes an incident of minor importance of itself, that is downright discouraging in spite of our buoyant optimism.

We have just read in the papers that some union miners in Indiana have presented their capitalist congressman with a solid gold-mounted umbrella for what he has "done" for them in congress. Not long before this the same union miners presented the same capitalist congressman with a magnificent gold watch. The next thing in order, we presume, will be to present him with a gold-mounted automobile. Just what this capitalist congressman has "done" for these slaves of the pits to inspire them to shower him with gold out of their wretched wages it would be interesting to know solely as a matter of curiosity.

This sort of thing, we confess, is discouraging to contemplate. It really makes one sick at heart to think of these hard-working coal diggers who live in shacks, subsist at best upon coarse food, and are dressed in shoddy, oftentimes in rags, giving up their hard earnings, their blood-bought pittance, to buy costly and extravagant gifts for a capitalist politician. Ye gods! And this from union miners after Ludlow and Calumet and Cabin Creek.

How many of these slaves, deformed and starved, body and soul, by their underground toil and their paltry wages have gold watches and gold-mounted umbrellas for themselves? How dare they rob their wives and children to attest their cowardice and servility to the sleek political agents of their fat economic masters?

Of course, these disgraceful deals originate in the crafty brains of the two by four politicians who are in the unions to pull off just such stunts for the benefit of the politicians who represent the masters and exploiters.

Every real union miner in Indiana should register his protest against having his union disgraced and discredited by such cheap and nasty performances which reduce men wearing union badges to the level of bootlicking degenerates.

Be strong when others are weak; be brave when others falter; be true when others fail and your life will be crowned with success.

The private ownership of railroads covers a multitude of crimes and the dear people are the victims of them all.

If there is any man living who is wise enough to assign just one reason why the telegraph and telephone should be private property we would like to hear from him.

The class struggle is the struggle of the ages and its final victory will bring emancipation to the workers and brotherhood to all mankind.

THE PRESS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The press is the most important single factor in the emancipation of the working class. How few workingmen seem to realize this!

In this country the press of the working class has for the most part been ignored or neglected by the workers themselves as if it were a matter of no consequence to them whatever. Most workingmen support capitalist newspapers and periodicals, even scab publications, while they subscribe grudgingly, if at all, to the publications of their own class. It seems strange that workingmen should be so blind to their own interests and this is one of the reasons why they continue in bondage.

This is an age of newspapers, magazines and periodicals, an age of literature, and the capitalist class is shrewd enough to realize the necessity of owning and controlling the press that moulds the public sentiment in accordance with the established order of things.

Wall street, in control of the public press that teaches the whole body of our people every hour of the day, can spring an issue, however foreign to the interests of the working class, and popularize it in short order. It can make preparedness popular and present militarism in such a fascinating form that the whole unthinking crowd will fall for it. It can lie about a strike so flagrantly and persistently as to create a popular sentiment of deadly hostility against a body of peaceable workingmen protesting against starvation wages.

In every clash between capital and labor the latter sadly feels its weakness consequent upon a feeble and inadequate press. It is the press that reaches the people, the press that moulds sentiment, the press that enlightens the masses and makes for despotism or democracy, for freedom or slavery, for peace or war, for weal or woe, for life or death. Then why not realize this and set to work, every one of us, to build up our own press and to make it strong enough to fight our battles and blaze the way to emancipation!

Each one of us can and should help to build up a working class press and make it an efficient agency in our struggle to abolish wage slavery. Each member of a union, each member of the Socialist party and each sympathizer can secure an additional subscription and otherwise aid in placing our struggling papers on a firm foundation so that they may be beacons of light instead of flickering tapers and towers of strength instead of organs of weakness and inefficiency.

Let us make the mightiest effort we have yet made to build up the press of the labor movement!

The eight-hour work-day must be achieved by whatever means for all industrial workers. The six-hour day will follow in due time and the reducing process will continue until the work-day will be so short and so agreeable that only a fool would think of loafing or stealing.

Industrial slavery will be the lot of the working class until they line up industrially and politically in the class struggle and strike and vote together for emancipation.

The contented wage-slave is the millstone about the neck of the slave in revolt against his chains.

The Russian autocracy vanished like a hideous nightmare before the rising sun of social democracy.

WALTER HURT AND THE PALADIN

"The Paladin" is the title, the very appropriate title, of the new weekly which has just entered the field of aggressive and constructive journalism with Phil Wagner as its publisher and Walter Hurt to direct its editorial policy. The Paladin could not have appeared at a more opportune time, nor could it have a mission better calculated to commend it to thinking minds in these days of supreme crisis when the rights and liberties of the people are threatened with destruction under the pretense of "making the world safe for democracy."

The purpose of The Paladin is cogently stated by its well-known and fearless editor as follows: "Wherever liberty languishes; wherever law lays oppressive hand upon any community or any individual or any interest; wherever tyrannical statute or ordinance, either enacted or impending, calls for resistance or repeal; to whatever place where freedom needs a friend, there The Paladin will go with lifted lance."

In the present critical state of society the capitalist rulers of this nation scruple at nothing to accomplish their ends. Constitutional guarantees of free speech and free assemblage mean absolutely nothing. Men are being arrested simply for expressing an honest opinion, secret service agents are at the heels of Socialists and others who have the courage to say what they think, and slowly but surely the popular liberties are being strangled in the military despotism now superseding the American republic. Besides all this, we have but to consider the Mooney case, which has no parallel outside the old regime of Russia; the Everett cases, in which workingmen were prosecuted as the result of being the victims of intended assassination by the subservient official hirelings who do the bidding of the financial magnates and war-lords, and other more or less similar outrages perpetrated upon the working class by their oppressors and despoilers.

Thrice welcome, therefore, to The Paladin at this crucial hour. There is supreme need for its power and its valor, both of which will become speedily apparent under the editorial inspiration of Walter Hurt.

There is no need to introduce the editor of The Paladin to our readers. For more than twenty years he has been conspicuous in the struggle for the freedom of the American people. Ever since he began the publication of The Gatling Gun in Cleveland and was hounded and finally driven out by the official hirelings of the lords of misrule, he has been fighting valiantly the battle for the freedom of the people.

The trenchant pen of Walter Hurt will find ready inspiration in the Knight Errant that enters the field "with lifted lance" to defend the rights and liberties of the people against the encroachments of their despotic masters. "Sharp as Ithuriel's spear" is the pen of this cultured and courageous comrade, and in The Paladin his keen thought and clear-headed and progressive convictions will find expression in brilliant epigram, in striking phrases and glowing periods that will thrill and inspire his readers, kindle their enthusiasm, reanimate their hope, and stir them to action in the great struggle to destroy the enslaving system under which we live, and set the people free.

Very heartily do I commend Walter Hurt and The Paladin to the favorable consideration of the working class and the American people.

The heart of the revolutionary Socialist never beats a retreat.

The Rising Tide of Socialism

GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERICK in "Vierick's American Weekly"

The chief beneficiary of the war will be Socialism. Everywhere the tide of Socialism is rising. Russia is today a Socialistic Republic. In all Russian elections the Socialists carried the day. Their influence on world politics henceforward will be tremendous, because for the first time in their history they will be in control of a state organization. In Germany it seems by no means unlikely that a Socialist will be called into the cabinet. In England, in France, in the neutral countries, everywhere, Socialists occupy the center of the stage. In the United States alone Socialism is slighted. But the influence of the Socialist Party is increasing nevertheless by leaps and bounds. For combat is the life breath of every radical movement.

The path of Socialism is made smoother by the fact that every government, including our own, finds itself compelled to adopt some form of State Socialism in order to carry on the war with the greatest possible efficiency. The average man asks himself: Why not organize on the basis of the highest efficiency in peace as well as in war? We are holding no brief for Socialism. We are merely stating obvious conclusions. The Government has suppressed a number of Socialist publications, but the number of Socialists increases with every suppression. No paper in New York City is gaining so fast in circulation as the Socialist "Call."

THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

The nomination of Hillquit for Mayor of New York was an excellent stroke of political strategy. If Mitchel is nominated, and Tammany selects as equally unsatisfactory candidate, we should not be surprised if the miracle of Milwaukee would be repeated in the Empire City. In other words, we would not be surprised to see Mr. Hillquit elected. We certainly look forward to the election of a large number of Socialist aldermen, assemblymen and Congressmen.

Betrayed by both old parties, many who believe in Jeffersonian doctrines and in peace, are turning to Socialism. The fact that the Socialist party, by a vote of 8 to 1, adopted the majority report condemning the war in unmistakable terms, assures Socialism a large number of recruits. These recruits compensate the party for the loss of its pro-war leaders. If the Socialists were opportunists, they could easily marshal for 1920 a larger force than Roosevelt did in 1912. But the Socialists are not opportunists. That is at once their strength and their weakness.

The Socialists do not wish to receive any one who fails to embrace their entire program. But, whether the Socialists like it or not, in the next Presidential election the Socialist vote will be swelled by a million earnest men who never voted the Socialist ticket before. The Socialists will make a mistake in not welcoming these elements, for, while they are not ready to swallow the entire Socialist program, their social conscience has been aroused to the highest pitch of indignation by the events of the war. They are in the mood to co-operate with Socialism in numerous vital reforms. Many are prepared for a complete conversion to the principles of Socialism because they have seen with increasing surprise how successfully Socialistic principles have been applied by the governments of England, Germany and the United States.

RECRUITS OF SOCIALISM

The other day the editor of this weekly was thrown by chance into the company of a number of leading German-American citizens in one of the largest cities in the State of New York. Among those present were a leading physician, several captains of industry, an engineer, two lawyers, one Protestant clergyman and a prosperous Catholic publisher. The majority of

these men were native Americans. All were thoroughly Americanized. Their children were born in this country. They themselves occupy high positions socially; some hold office under the state, others rank high in the state militia. The conversation drifted upon the subject of Socialism. Much to the astonishment of the editor every one of these men voiced his intention to vote the Socialist ticket. Only one had actually enrolled as a Socialist.

These men had met before, but they had not discussed Socialism. Each was flabbergasted by the other's admission. The discussion that followed revealed that the majority of those participating in the discussion did not look upon the Socialist Party merely as a temporary instrument to voice their political discontent, but they sympathized deeply with the fundamental doctrines of Socialism. These men will vote for good men in all parties, but other things being equal, their next ballot will be cast under the Socialist emblem. It depends on the Socialist Party whether it can digest these elements. It cannot, of course, absorb them without being affected by them in turn.

GERMANY SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

It is difficult to arrive at a just estimate of what is taking place in Germany behind the twofold screen of double censorship. The resignation of the Chancellor and a number of other ministers, including the author of the

As we go to press, news comes that Mrs. Kate O'Hare has been arrested at Dixie Lake, N. D., and is under \$5,000 bail. Further details in the September issue.

unfortunate Mexico note, is of course important. But it is even more important to learn that the German Government contemplates the creation of a Department of Labor, to be presided over by the Socialist Deputy David. The announcement of electoral reforms in Prussia comes as a surprise to no one. Every Prussian, even dyed-in-the-wool conservatives, admitted that the Prussian system was antiquated. It would have been overthrown long ago, if there had been a sufficient stimulus to overcome the natural inertia of all nations perfectly happy under their system of government. There is, as Mr. Bernard Ridder remarks, no division of sentiment as to the necessity of internal reform, but there is a division of sentiment as to the length to which such reform should go. The liberal group has won many new supporters in the last few months.

"The accession of Mathias Erzberger, a Centrist leader of great influence, to this group would seem to be clear from the happenings of Saturday, when he made a speech that committed a majority of his party absolutely to immediate reform not only of the Prussian ballot laws but of reforms affecting the whole Empire" and "flatly came out for a peace by common consent of such nations as have not completely lost their senses." The members of this group are opposed to the prosecution of the war a day longer than is necessary to secure to Germany an honorable peace. They hold that that can be had today. They are not gunning for tributary provinces. What they are bent upon obtaining is immediate reform of the German constitution along the lines of present-day liberal thought. The Chancellor occupies middle ground between the various political parties in Germany today—a position which he has chosen from motives of practical political expediency. His sympathies, however, lie entirely with the Liberal element."

THE PHALANX OF REFORM

It is not the first time in the history of the German Empire that the Catholic Center and the Socialists have been allies. In the Saxon diet, all parties,

with the sole exception of the Conservative fraction, indorsed the Socialist resolution demanding equal and universal suffrage. The upper chamber of the Saxon legislature, like the British House of Lords, is hereditary or appointive. All such cobwebs of medievalism are being swept away. In the Empire at large equal and universal suffrage already exists, but the various electoral districts have not been reapportioned according to the changes of population for many years. Similar conditions are not unfamiliar to us. The term "gerrymandering" is "made in America."

The Reichstag refuses to consider the budget until the Government consents to all needed reforms. There can be no doubt that in the future the German Chancellor will be immediately responsible as well as responsive to the people. Practically, no minister can continue in office even now against the will of the majority of the Reichstag, although theoretically he may be responsible solely to the Kaiser. We may trust to the Reichstag to make Germany "safe for Democracy" without pressure from without. Now, according to the New York "Evening Post," the Allies could achieve a mighty stroke for that liberation of the German people, which is their professed aim, by restating without ambiguities or reservations their peace terms in accordance with justice and appeasement after the war.

H. G. Wells, the Socialist author-philosopher, likewise calls upon the ruling class of England to declare the purposes of the country to all mankind. "Never," he states, according to the International

News Bureau of Boston, "has the need for clear ideas, widely understood and consistently maintained, been so commandingly vital." Mr. Wells would like to see England state her intentions with regard to India and Egypt.

A STATEMENT OVERDUE

"The time is drawing near when the Egyptian and the nations of India will ask us, 'Are things going on forever here as they go on now, or are we to look for the time when we, too, like the Africaner, the Canadian and the Australian, will be your confessed and equal partners?'"

"Would it not be wise to answer that question in the affirmative before the voice in which it is asked grows thick with anger?"

"In Egypt, for example, we are either robbers very like—except for a certain difference in touch—the Germans in Belgium, or we are honorable trustees. It is our claim and pride to be honorable trustees. Nothing so becomes a trustee as a cheerful openness of disposition."

"Great Britain has to table her world policy. It is a thing overdue."

Ireland engages the attention of British statesmen even more than India and Egypt. The election of Sinn Feiners in place of Nationalist candidates, particularly the election of De Valera, comes as a shock to British complacency. Vainly the absurd cry of "German money" is raised. No hired agents of the British Government can deny that Ireland is on the verge of another revolution, unless her independence is restored. Ireland will refuse to accept the dead sea fruit of sham reform for the golden apple of freedom. German feudalism is buried. English feudalism still holds sway. English feudalism, as J. M. Armstrong declares in the Chicago "Tribune," is worse than German feudalism. "We are," he says, "stultifying ourselves by following the English system of falsehood."

"Many Americans admit English misdeeds in Ireland, in India and Egypt, but they insist that England is nevertheless the mother of constitutional freedom. We fail to see that the British Isles, even excluding Ireland,

are "safe for democracy." Mr. Bernard Ridder, in the "Staats-Zeitung," reminds us that 'democratic' England only permits leaseholders, rent payers or property holders to vote, there being a distinct disbarment to all except property classes.

SETBACK TO DEMOCRACY IN ENGLAND

"It is, of course, well known that the English electoral system disenfranchises tens of thousands of workers. Furthermore, the plural system of voting has been in existence in England since the beginning of the Parliamentary form of government. The constitutional committee proposed to do away with both of these undemocratic evils, but the British Parliament, under the leadership of those apostles of freedom, the liberal-minded Parson, Milner, Curzon, and Balfour rejected the Committee report as being too radical, although the plural system was only slightly modified and not abandoned.

"At the very time when constitutional reform in all countries is being urged by liberal-minded and forward-looking men, the British Government takes a decided reactionary step and abandons the principle for which it claims to be fighting. Only a British statesman could adopt the double standard of democracy for the enemy and autocracy at home. Whatever hopes liberals have had that Britain might be reformed, must now be discarded together with the dream of justice to Ireland, to India and to Egypt. In some mysterious manner, the British seem always to be able to preach one principle and practice another, and yet retain the support of a certain element of the American people."

No wonder that, according to the London correspondent of the New York "Sun," labor's unrest forces Britain toward revolt. There can be no doubt, he states, about the industrial unrest in the country.

"Everybody knows it, talks about it, recognizes its seriousness. The community at large is disposed to temporize with it, to apply palliatives in the effort to tide affairs over the war crisis. The temporizers think that the immediate business in hand is to defeat the Hun, no matter at what sacrifice. So they are disposed to make whatever concessions may be necessary to keep the workers in the factories and on the lands while the army is winning its victory."

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE REDS

The American Government seems to be less inclined to make compromises. The incarceration of Berkman and Emma Goldman, and the strong-arm methods employed against the I. W. W. in the Western States, points to the determination of the Administration to crush lawlessness. However necessary it may be to crush lawlessness, the Government should exercise care not to exercise its own powers in a lawless manner. It is a pleasure to report that Secretary Baker strongly condemns the recent action of men in naval or military uniform who have broken up lawful meetings in New York City, in Boston, and elsewhere. He says:

"It has come to my knowledge that in New York City and elsewhere a few men wearing the uniform have taken it upon themselves to disturb public meetings and interfere with the rights of assembly and free speech. They have, of course, no authority for such behavior, and no excuse. Whatever the patriotic motives on which they may believe themselves to be acting, the fact is that they are breaking the law, but their wearing the American uniform makes such rowdiness all the more intolerable."

The Socialist press, however, reports a series of petty persecutions, which cannot but arouse bad blood. In New York Harry Aurin, a young Socialist, was sentenced to ninety days in the workhouse, by Magistrate Murphy, for distributing circulars containing quotations from the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution

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TOBE SPILKINS

Hiz Lettur
(W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editur: I told you in my last lettur that I reseeded a note from Bill Kizer, whoo iz the impeerial guvernment uv Germany, Austray Hungry, Bullgary, Turkey, Belgium, Roomania, Servey, Montengiger and Allbinai. I am sendin' you a cobby uv the note jist az he writ it, which reeds az follers:

THE KIZER'S NOTE

Honerabull Meester Von Tobe Speelkins:

I moost now git me bizzy und reply to yoor Amerikan note vitch I recevvt aretty der last moonth pefore der seckundt veek in march. I hass been fery beesy on all der froonts, or vood haf repliendt pefore now aretty. Der British und der French haf been bushing us back till ve coodt find der victory sphot vot, Von Limburger toldt us aboutt aretty; but ve lost der Limburger line und haf to make some more victorious retreats. Und more as dot ve lost ofer five hoondredt beeg guns und sixty tousand brisoners oof var vitch der British und der French took mitoudt due brosess oof law. Ve haf been doing some tings on der Rooshian froont. Ve haf made progress mitoudt fighting for it. Ve did it all mit kindness. Ve haf tamed der Rooshian bear. Ve begun der treetment by roobbing der hair der right vay. Dot felddt goot und varm in der coldt vinter time. Den ve roob him soom more; den ve bull his tail shoost a leetle. He don't care fot dot; den we feed him soom separate peece bait und vile he vas eating ve splitt him oop und der peecees vent to quarrelling amoongst demselves aretty; oof der beeces sthoph quarrelling den ve vill turn der army on him und splitt him oop soom more. On der vestern froontt ve haf been making soom masterfull retreats, but der British und der French haf coom retreatin' us after und ve hass no rest. Ve gets soom tired but ve dondt gif oop aretty, und ve keeps aheadt oof der rascals; Gott in Himmell! Der whole fitout iss no schentlemens, but der Rooshians vas soom schentlemens vonce in der vhole; ven they dondt be goot ve gif 'em soom militarism und they dondt like dot; boot ven ve gif 'em soom nice soft soap they like dot und ve kin bull their tails and they dondt bite.

My Dear Hon. Meester Von Tobe Speelkins: I vish you voodt tell your Presidential Goofernment vy he don't sendt soom vheet ofer ter der Britishers und der Frenchers und der Italians. They needt it ferry badt so soon aretty. Ve needt soom too, boot ve kin fight mitout it. Also tell yoor Presidential Goofernment dot ve voodt like fery vell to see der vooden boats cooming into der var zone; ve needt soom kindlins fery mooch. Ve vood also like to see soom American soldiers on der froontt oof us. Ve voodt make mince meat oof them right avay aretty so soon, und der Schermans like dot kindt. Please tell der Presidential Goofernment dot der var vot ve haf here iss not like all der other vars. It iss fery exciting und iss wurth seeing, even if you do git kilt. It iss von grandt ooprisings oof der beeples. I iss der star performer, me und Gott. Vell, der fightin' iss peguning agin und I moost myself be gettingt back vere I kin not der bloodt schmell; dot bloodt makes me sick in mein stoomach aretty. I vood ferry mooch like to hear from you soom more aretty agin ven I get settled. Address der Kizer ver effer he iss; it vill reech me.

Yoor mit loofe for America,
Der Kizer.

There aint much in the Kizer's note, but it shows how Tobe Spilkins iz a gittin' up in the world when he gits letturs from a man who iz Kommander-in-Cheef uv a army uv eight milyun live men and purty neert half that menny ded and wounded ones. I showed the lettur tu Woodsaw; he spit on it and

threwed it on the floor. I picked it up, borrowed Woodsaw's handkercheef, wiped the spit off and put the lettur bak in my pocket.

About A week ago I got a lettur from my little boy. It red az follers:

TOMMY'S LETTUR.

dear pa; we got the munny you sent us; that iz ma got it and giv ben haff uv it I seen her du it she giv me a quarter with a hole in it when i tuk it tu the store tu buy sum chewin' gum the feller what stands behind the kounter sed the hole wuz wurth ten sents and he wood hav tu nock off that mutch and only 'low me fifteen sents deer pa i aint only a littel boy and i dont understand how that littel hole cood be wurth ten sents and the uther part uv the quarter wurth only fifteen sents there wuz enuff room in the uther part uv the quarter tu maik a hundred holes az big az that one and i dont see why the feller who maid that hole dident maik the whole quarter uv intu holes they wood have bin wurth ten dollers tu sumboddy but i dont know who du you i wish you wood rite and tell me if everything that haz got holes in it iz wurser than the things what aint got enny holes in them it seems tu me that a lots uv munny cood be maid a punchin' holes I am only a littel boy now but when i git tu be a man i am goin' tu lurn the traid and wurk at it ben iz here purty neert haff the time he dont du nuthin' but set around and talk tu ma oncet he hoed pertaters about ten minnits, twicet he milked the kow he sed he dun it so he cood git hiz part uv the unurned inkrement i dont no what that iz but i gess it iz part uv the munny you send ma i kant see what they find tu talk about so mutch most uv the time they dont talk loud enuff fur me to heer what they say ben haz sewed the wooden laigged widder fur divorce and antemony say pa what iz antemony i asked ben and he sed it wuz munny which one purson who had bin married tu anuther had tu ante over tu the uther when they coodent live in the same house together then the munny which ma givs ben aint antemony fur they kin live in the same house together ma sez she wants a divorce az sune az the kort haz one tu spare she aulso wants sum antemony when you send me enny munny dont send it tu ma send it tu ike hawkins and he will giv it tu me i will rite and keep you posted in the fuchure good bi yoor luvn' sun

tommy spilkins

That's a nobull boy. He iz better than 2 detecktives. There's lots uv phun ahed if that ornery Ben haz got hiz hed sot tu mary intu my family. I may need that family myself sumday; I may looze my job here and have tu to bak home. It maiks me swet tu think about it and by the jumpin'

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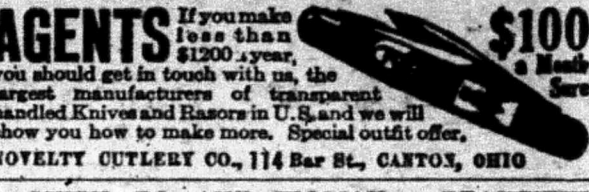


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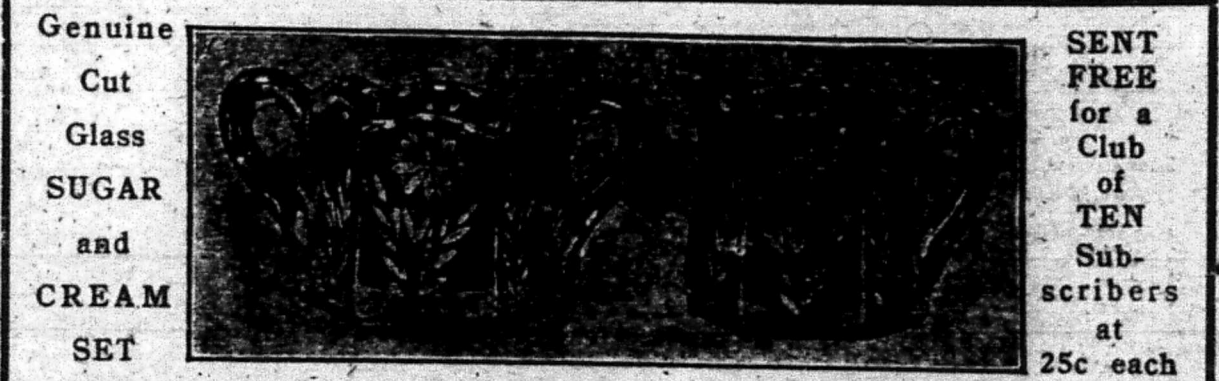
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I got a lettur from Ike Hawkins, but it iz 2 long tu print; and then there's things in it that aint printable endurin' uv these war times. Hiz lettur kor-roberbed what my boy sed and more. Ike sed there wuz 9teen suits filed against me in the kort and three agin him. I'm afraid I am mortally sued. I coodent stand if it wuzent fur the sympathy I git from little Strawhed who haz bin bak in the offis since Frackledy rezined tu git married. I have mooved hur desk tu the uther side uv the offis and put up a skreen between us so we kant see each uther. I'm afraid tu trust her feelin's towards me fur I am affected with hart trubble that way and if she shoold fall in love with me I mite cum tu sum tragick end. Owin' tu the muddle that haz bin raised at home I coodent resippokate hur luv, not jist at prezent ennyway. Ike sed they aulso had 2 law-soots agin the preacher fur damages. They had him up in the church and wuz about tu revoke hiz license, but he explained things tu the church's satisfackshun. He told 'em how old Leban married Leah tu Jacob when Jacob had kontracted speshually fur Rachel. It certainly wuz in the dark fur Jake never knowed the difference until the next morning, though fur the life uv me I kant see why, unless the 2 gurls wuz eggsactly the same size around the waist, the same tallness and proportionately the same utherwise, so tu speak. But Jake wuzent a bit discouraged; he had a house-keeper and a wife pro-tem; aulso a bed-feller. Az soon az he dis-kovered that marryin' in the dark wuzent the thing it wuz cracked up tu be he maid another bargain with old man Leban tu wurk seven yeers more fur Rachel, the gurl he luyed; he wuz aulso tu git all the streaked and striked cattle that wuz horn endurin' uv the seven yeers. Now Jake knew sumptin' about pre-natalism. How he lurned it I don't know unless he got the recipee out uv sum noozpaper. But he went tu wurk and got sum willow poles and cut slits down them lengthwise and catekorned around like a barber pole. Then he peeled the bark off between every uther 2 slits so that there wuz a slit uv dark kullered bark and then a slit uv white wood in suck-seshun all round the pole. Then Jake sot them poles all up about and neer the kalf facktory; and it cum tu pass that purty neert all the kalves that wuz hatched out frum that time on wuz ring streaked and striked and therefour akkordin' tu the kontrakt belonged tu Jake. Uv korse Jake felt a little disappointed about hiz furst marriage, az lots uv uther men do, but he no doubt had a good time lookin' after hiz cattle and a sparkin' uv hiz beloved Rachel in the dark. He cood also look forward tu the day when he wood have 2 wives and be eligible tu eleckshun tu kongress. When the seven yeers wuz up he married Rachel, probably under the glair uv a elecktrick lite so he coodent be fooled agin. Then he gathered up hiz ringed, streaked and striked cattle, a leevin' Leban only a small bunch uv muckle kullered mavericks which he had brought in on the round up, took hiz 2 wives and mooved over into the next county where he started a family which becum az numerous az the sands uv the sea, and who cut many capers that haz bin talked about ever since, but which I ain't got time tu tell about now.

The preacher told the members uv the church all about this and showed them there wuz no harm in marryin' in the dark, fur Jake, whoo wuz married that way, becum the most distinguished sitizen uv hiz time. So the church let him keep hiz liscense, seein' that old patriarch Jacob thought it wuz rite tu marry in the dark and taught hiz childern tu du it, even when there had bin no preliminary sparkin' dun before hand, or at leest if there had bin noboddy sed annything about

it, and Leah wood shure have told Rachel after she had sekured a cinch on Jake, jist tu maik Rachel jellus and brake up the match fur the seckoned marriage.

If I kin git out uv my trubbles and lawsoots az ezy az the preacher did I'll be mighty lucky, but I look fur hard sleddin' and several deeklarashuns uv war before I git throo.

As I have tu anser the Kizer's lettur, or rather write him anuther note, I will close fur this time.

Yours trooly,

TOBE SPILKINS, Diplomatt.

WAR OFFERS EXCUSE FOR LOWER WAGES

The City Traction Co., of Cleveland, O., has issued a call for women street car conductors.

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Doubtless this is an indirect method of conscription, as many of the jobless male conductors will have to go into the army or navy, or starve.

Boston, also, is getting into line with women conductors. Soon a man's place will be in the home—or what ought to be a home.

A House Divided

By SCOTT NEARING

The United States cannot hope to exist part democratic and part plutocratic. It is inconceivable that two huge social forces like democracy and plutocracy should divide the field between them. There is no such thing as compromise. The issue must be met and decided, once for all. There may be discussion on the details, but on the main issue discussion is impossible—unthinkable.

The conflict between the South and the North over the slavery issue was of like character. The greatest statesmen of the day tried compromise. There was the Compromise of 1850; there was the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. Both sides labored. Each was willing to give and take. But neither was willing to concede the one fundamental point without which negotiation, diplomacy and compromise were mere wasted effort.

Were the slave states or the free states to rule? That was the question. Abraham Lincoln put it like this in his debate with Judge Douglas at Alton, October 15, 1858,—“That is the real issue. That is the issue that will continue in this country when these poor tongues of Judge Douglas and myself shall be silent. It is the eternal struggle between the two principles—right and wrong—throughout the world. They are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time, and will ever continue to struggle. The one is the common right of humanity, and the other the divine right of kings. It is the same principle in whatever shape it develops itself. It is the same spirit that says, 'You work and toil and earn bread and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to bestride the people of his own nation and live by the fruit of their labor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrannical principle.” Was an outworn, generally discarded form of economic and social organization to be perpetuated as the dominant power in the American government, or was the system of economic and social organization called “freedom of contract” to assume the position of supreme power? The issue was fundamental. It had to be met and settled.

War was by no means inevitable. The slaves might have been bought and freed by the government. The North might have abandoned its factory system and gone back to an agricultural basis. But one of those two things must occur, and when there was arrayed, as in this case, an outlived, discredited form of social organization

against a new, vital and apparently superior form of organization, there was only one way in which the conflict could end.

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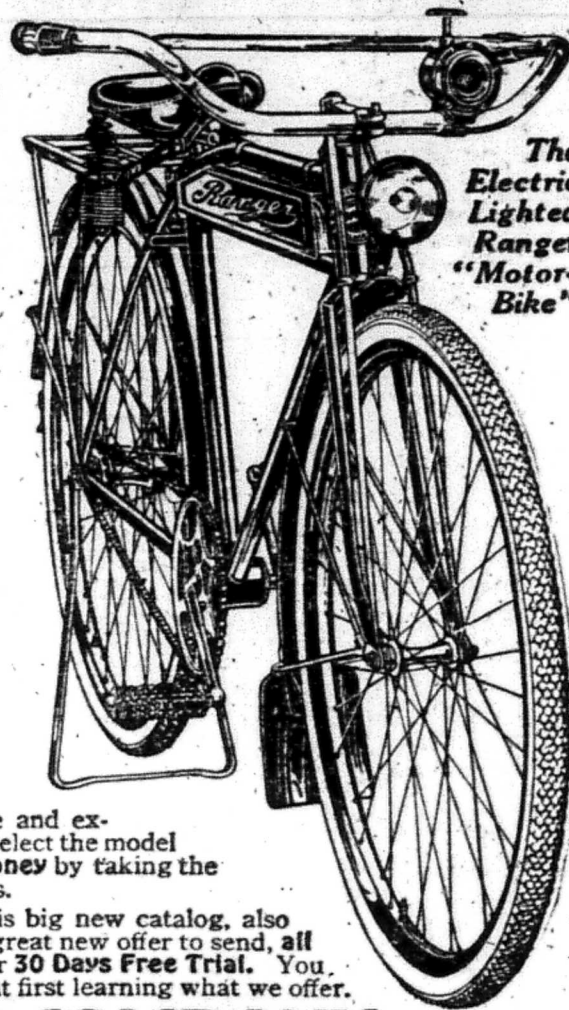
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CHAPTER XIV.

RECONSTRUCTION.

"I hope I have not kept you waiting," said Bruce to Carlton and Inez as he entered their apartments in the Commonwealth Hotel in Washington, "but I have had such an interesting experience. I know you will pardon me when I have related it. First, Edgerton took me for a trip in his new dirigible—and that's a revelation. Why, if Germany had a fleet of them it could have landed anywhere in the enemy's country. Edgerton's model is only a four-passenger affair, and has a tremendous speed. My idea of a dirigible was a great big clumsy, awkward, balloon affair, moving with about the agility of a barrel. Not so with this machine. It is as flexible as a fish and as supple as a lion. Instead of the whole body moving at once as the German dirigibles did, this one slightly bends the head or the tail just as a fish would in water. We encountered some pretty strong air currents on the trip and the way we engaged them was marvellous. But the strangest thing about the whole affair is that only six months ago Edgerton had no practical knowledge of aerostatics—he was one of the migratory workers. They say at the experimental station they have to drive him to his meals and to bed—he's such an enthusiast that the days are not long enough."

"Well, well," interrupted Inez, "and they used to tell us that there would be no incentive under Socialism, and here is a man expecting no reward other than what his fellows receive; so fond of work he has to be pried loose from it."

"Well, of course, I took a keener interest in the dirigible from the fact that everything that entered into its construction was a product of Brucite. Yes; they are now making cloth and rope and other flexible stuff from Brucite. Why, I tell you, friends, I don't know where it's all going to stop. The inventive genius of man is something phenomenal."

"Oh, I don't now," injected Carlton, "you never had occasion to notice it before. You see, under capitalism, genius, like other things, was only used if it was immediately profitable."

"Yes," said Inez, "I wonder how many Edisons and Shakespeares and other great geniuses capitalism has suppressed?"

"I'll get this story told sometime," nervously objected Bruce.

"Can't get over those old speed-up habits," laughingly interposed Carlton. Bruce, acknowledging the thrust, continued: "We alighted at one of the construction camps on the national railway. I had to stretch my imagination to call it a camp. It was far different from anything I had ever dreamed of. Imagine your old-fashioned railway construction camps equipped with all the conveniences of a modern hotel, with moving picture show, a library and school; and then imagine a former camp where the graders and

teamsters and trackmen could have their families with them. Yes, even imagine a grader being able to support a family. Well, we have just such things now. In all the camps on the national road the welfare of the workers is the first consideration. The camps are established in the natural town-sites. This has all been figured out by the department of transportation working in conjunction with other departments. For instance, the camp we visited was in Indiana. It was named Awalt, after a young workman who had lost his life there in an accident. (Just think how important these workers have grown.) It is the natural center of what will be in time a great celery country. The construction gang now occupy the buildings and go by train to their work. When their stretch of road is completed the town will be deserted, but will again be utilized when the agricultural squad comes to put the country into celery. We had lunch at Awalt and an interesting visit with the women folks and children. I don't think I was a very entertaining visitor, however. I was continually comparing the present condition of these people with what it had been but a few months ago. They seemed metamorphosed—that's the only word in my mining lingo that seems to express it. And now, Miss Carlton, listen. Never once did I hear a woman mention dress."

"Why should they, Mr. Bruce. With the profit system went fashion. Don't you see, silly, that it was profitable to continually change the styles, and just as vigorous a campaign was carried on through the newspapers and magazines for capitalism's fashions as was conducted for capitalism's anything else."

"But you don't expect the women will now grow careless or freakish in their dress, do you?" questioned Bruce.

"How absurd," answered Inez. "Women will dress according to their individual ideas. They will dress for comfort, convenience and attractiveness. Why should they lose taste? The beauty about this whole co-operative plan is that it is the first time we have ever had individualism. Yes, and it is the first time we have ever had true competition. For instance, I, as an individual, can have my supper served me or I can cook it myself. The party serving me is under no obligation to me—whoever serves me is as economically free as myself—has individualism. As to competition—we are all competitors in our line of endeavor. Young Edgerton is the competitor of the other inventors at the experimental plant. It's true competition—a competition of brains against brains and the good of society the only reward. It makes a patriot out of one. I could die for my country now—I have something worth dying for; but I have so much to live for I do not want to die."

"Yes; and will you tell us your ideas on life, Miss Carlton?" asked Bruce.

"Some other time," answered Inez; "Supper is waiting us now."

Into a small but well appointed dining room Inez escorted her brother and Bruce. The supper had been ordered by Inez from the Commonwealth kitchen. Inez acted the hostess and Hugh did the old fatherly act of serving the food. The table was daintily set in a matched color scheme. The dishes were of white Brucite decorated with blue Colorado columbines. Inez cautiously watched the expression of Bruce's face as he took his place and noticed the design. His eyes danced with the sparkle of delight as he gazed at the beautiful flowers—his favorite always; and then his fancy took him back to his beloved Rocky Mountains where these blooms are luxuriant and highly perfumed. His thoughts were transmitted to Inez, who slyly nudged her brother and remarked: "He's back

on his old stamping ground now."

"Yes," answered Bruce, quickly recovering himself, "back to the old places, seeing in fancy again the beauties that are ever changing and always inspiring; where one draught of the rarefied ozone puts new life and new hope and high ideals into all who are the least responsive."

"Get him out of it, Hugh," suggested Inez. "I fear he may grow poetic."

"Yes," answered Carlton, "and I think he will liven up a bit when I tell him of Haywood's plan for the coming election. It sounds ideal and has the cabinet's ear. Haywood proposes a cabinet or congress consisting of one representative from each of the different industries—that is, agriculture, transportation, manufacture, mining and distribution. He groups industry under these five heads. He would have the different branches of these groups send representatives to a convention of each group and these representatives would elect a member to the cabinet. There would also be a member of the cabinet to represent the department of education, who would be the choice of the teachers democratically expressed. These six cabinet members would choose an outsider as chairman and the cabinet of seven be the executive body of the nation. Of course you realize that they would have power to create sub-departments and appoint heads; so that in manufacture we would have a department of buildings, a department of machinery, a department of aerostatics—in fact, all the specialized manufactories would be represented by sub-departments, as would the other industrial groups and educational differentiations. When the plan is in proper shape it will be submitted to the people for their ratification or rejection. The cabinet is thinking of calling in advisers on the proposition; and one thing is certain, if there are any weak spots in it you can rest assured they will be discovered."

"Did you see this evening's Nationalist?" asked Inez. "Allen L. Benson has an editorial on Haywood's plan. Benson is the original democrat and he rather favors the idea."

"Benson is sure making good on that government-owned paper," remarked Bruce. "Do you know, I never had much faith in the success of a government newspaper. I was afraid it would rather favor the administration, but it seems that now the profit system has been abolished there is no call for favoritism, and so far the Nationalist has been remarkably impartial."

"But your work, Miss Carlton. Tell us how you are progressing," begged Bruce.

"Delightfully," answered Inez. "It is a source of continual surprises and enthusiasm. We meet with so many people—some of whom have the strangest ideas. A caller this afternoon remarked that he thought it a fact that people who had the simplest of diet—people who had even just one kind of food such as potatoes, or corn meal, or fish—were healthier and longer lived than people who had a variety of food. He was not in sympathy with the Food Chemistry Department, and he wondered what we women could find so interesting in it. He did not think it was woman's place to cook, anyway. Men could do the work better. Well, we students had lots of fun at his expense. We wanted to know if it was not a fact that all women were supposed to be cooks whether they had any inclination that way or not. He said it used to be that way, but now, with our municipal kitchens we should give up private cooking and apply ourselves to other lines of work. But what if we wanted to know what we were eating and just what the effect of the food would be on our systems? What if we did not know the kind of food best suitable for babies and growing children? What if we turned them loose in the municipal kitchen to eat what fancy may dictate? What if we fed them only potatoes, or meal, or fish? What about the sick

people? Would they rally under his single standard of food? Why should we not have the knowledge of food chemistry if we so desired? We did not all of us intend taking up cooking as an occupation. We wanted the information for our own safety as well as for those whom we loved and were responsible to. Did he think knowledge of any subject would be harmful to us? These were some of the questions put to him by the women students, and he dodged every one of them."

"It is really pitiful—the ignorance there is upon the question of proper food. The old-fashioned farmer knew how to feed his stock—knew what kind of food they could do the best work on and what was harmful to them—but when it came to feeding his family it was all guess-work. Fat little Mary was permitted to take on three cargoes of fat daily; dyspeptic little Jack would take on a like amount of gas-producing nourishment, and poor over-worked mother stimulated herself with tea. Really, this is a very important study. It is going to take time to get qualified teachers and lecturers upon the science, but before many years it will be taught in all schools—and it will come before the alphabet. Health is the important thing in life."

"Is this a scientific meal?" asked Bruce.

"You can tell better later in the evening," answered Inez. "If there are no distressing effects, then it is scientific. If you awaken in the night with a bad dream, then you will know I need more study."

"But, Inez," asked Hugh, "you do not intend to follow the profession of food chemistry as your life work, do you?"

"Oh, no, brother dear. It will simply be the groundwork of my career. That is, if I am so fortunate as to have such a thing."

"We have still a few things to learn, Bruce, old boy," came back Carlton.

"Yes, verily," answered Bruce. "But as this is an experience meeting, why not interest us in your work, Carlton?"

"Well," responded Hugh, "I do not know whether my friends will consider me a success or not. Having been a rich man's son and inherited millions, naturally my friends would think me versed in finance. I must confess my ignorance of the subject as applied to the mass of society. If it was to put through a deal under the capitalistic regime I would feel at home—that was not science—it was just ordinary highway robbery. Now there's Karl Sandberg, of Chicago, who has gone into the money question just as you have gone into geology and metallurgy; he has made a science of the subject and it is more his work on the monetary committee than mine that has carried us through so far. The labor check system we are using is working satisfactorily when you consider what we are really up against. Every day we are giving more and more people employment. As fast as the department of buildings can furnish plans and the bureau of homes can locate sites we are able to give employment to our citizens. The thousands idle must be looked after, and of course labor checks must be issued to them, as they are not responsible for their unemployed condition. This, of course, has caused quite a little dissension among those employed who do not think clearly, and we have met their

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Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron was shown to several physicians who were requested to give their opinions thereon.

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"Iron to be of the slightest value to the human system must be in a combination which may be easily assimilated. In the case of metallic salts of iron, iron acetate, etc., it is very doubtful if sufficient actual iron can be taken up and incorporated into the blood to be of any service, especially in view of the disadvantages entailed by its corrosive action upon the stomach and the damaging effect upon the dental enamel. When, however, we deal with iron in organic combination, such for instance as albuminate, or better still Nuxated Iron, a far different story is told. We will observe no destructive action upon the teeth; no corrosive effect upon the stomach. The iron is readily assimilated into the blood and quickly makes its presence felt by increased vigor, snap and staying power."

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objections by offering to lay them off under pay and filling their places from the ranks of the unemployed. We have yet the first person to accept the offer. But our greatest trouble comes from the unemployed. So anxious are they to get at work in the building of the commonwealth that we are besieged from all quarters; and who can blame them? Who would want to be idle with such grand things going on? Bryant, of the bureau of homes, showed me the plans of a model city the bureau has about completed. It is intended to take care of a portion of Chicago's population. Breathing space seems to be the keynote of the scheme—the buildings were set so far apart that I asked if he did not think that objectionable. He did not, and explained that the bureau had purposely done so to leave room for "after thoughts." "We are building not for today alone," said Bryant, "but for all time. We must leave room for the future—there will come changes as we evolve." The buildings were none of them over two floors in height and there was the same style of architecture carried throughout, and all to be built of Brucite. The street plan was novel. Every street has its subway—in fact, the street surface is the roof of a subterranean street which will carry gas and water mains, electric wires and sewer system. The streets will never be torn up once they are built. It is not yet known how many of these cities will be placed near Chicago—that will depend upon how many people will be necessary to carry on industry at that point. There are so many things to take under consideration, and things are doing so fast that I think these are the reasons we hear such little complaint about the inequalities and the mistakes we are making. Wonders strike the eye at every turn. We are virtually moulding a nation, and moulding it of Brucite. There are the great machine shops where the construction equipment is being turned out; machines for doing this, that, and the other thing, every man adding his quota to the gigantic whole and feeling he is playing his part. Take the railways, for instance. Never was such construction dreamed of under the old order. No engineering feat seems too difficult—the road goes rapidly on, strictly adhering to its maximum grade, and by direct line, building itself as it goes from its own excavation—thanks to your Brucite—ties, rails and roadbed a solid mass. These things will keep the people's minds busy and they will overlook many things that otherwise would cause division. So, while the money problem is far from perfected, we must also consider that everything else is far from perfect.

"Yes," said Bruce, "It's like Edger-ton's dirigible. I was exulting over his marvelous machine when he checked me; 'Bruce,' he said, 'this is a toy compared to the dirigible I have in mind. I will take you on a trip some-day soon that will cause you to wonder why we've all been such slow pokes as not to have thought of an air craft like it years ago.'

"Favoritism," declared Inez. "Rank-est kind of favoritism. I demand my rights to enjoy that trip also."

"And you shall take the trip—both of you; and it will be to Denver without a stop."

CHAPTER XV.
A GLIMPSE OF LIFE.

While there had been a revolution in the thought and action of the mass of society, one must not imagine the nation an harmonious whole. There were still reactionaries—people who longed for the "good old days when one could move in the exclusive circles without brushing up against the common herd." The same spirit which dominated the aristocratic slave owner after the civil war had dispossessed him of his chattel, was again expressed in the late capitalists. Those wage slaves had been confined. They moved

about with an air of martyrdom and submitted to democracy with a haughtiness which showed contempt. Some who, having passed the age limit or being physically inefficient, were pensioners receiving eight-hour labor checks daily; and although the policy of seeing that defectives (whether mentally un-sound or physically weakened through age or other causes) receive the average income had been generally approved as just; still there were those of the decaying bourgeoisie who mumbled their contempt for a system which placed them in a position of accepting what they termed charity.

But it was not charity. There was no thought of charity when the pension plan was originated. It was argued that as no person knew but what he might fall a victim of some misfortune, he must, for his own safety, see that provision be made for all unfortunates. It really had a selfish basis. There had arisen in place of the old, degrading charity of capitalism, a charity of thought. Society had learned at last how a change in economic conditions could change one's thought and action. There was a charity of thought for the reactionaries. They were not expected to outlive their teachings of centuries of class-dominance, and the people as a whole permitted this dying aristocracy to derive all the comfort possible from their epizoon delusions without let or hindrance.

We had now a nation of listeners, and the person who talked must have something to say. The loud, blustering voice so typical of the politician and business booster had passed into that place President Cleveland had made famous. There had vanished, magically it almost seemed, the talk of the street. Now appeared a pleasant rivalry for smoothness of speech and softness of accent. This might have been caused by the opportunity now present to develop latent musical instincts, or it might have been that women, economically free, showed disapproval of the harsh voice which disturbed her highly sensitized organs of hearing.

Diversification might be called a passion. Families crowded amusement places in the evenings, no longer forced through fear of poverty, or from tired bodies, or overwrought nerves to cling to the fireside anxiously awaiting the appointed hour of bedtime. The drama and the comedy of the stage were of high order, and tragedy the people were trying to forget. It was entertaining to listen to a lecture on some scientific subject, and children even ten years of age enjoyed them greatly. The speaker had lost all semblance of the didactic professor, and what had formerly been painful explanations were now made pleasing through the use of the film or other mechanism. The dance was still popular and amply provided for. There was amusement in all its ramifications, and one might enjoy a cracking good game of baseball in the evening, nobly fought out by two teams under the rays of a solar system of electric lights. Moral conditions were of a high order, and perhaps there is no better barometer of morals than the pleasures people seek. Athletics were in high favor, denoting a desire to be physically fit; music, that greatest of harmonizers, was finding full expression; the arts were everywhere exemplified, that "little finishing touch" was given as much thought as was utility; everywhere there was a desire to please—to appeal through the higher senses; poetry at last had found its place—it told its story only when it could tell it better than prose, the poet did not have to lift his soul to escape an inharmonious environment; the novelist no longer pictured useless lives made moral, nor would the clap-trappy settings of bourgeoisie palaces have appealed; Algernon was no longer a sensualist and Cleobelle had something else to do than manicure her fingernails and sigh through life; the story of today was a story of real men and real women—a story with a purpose.

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SEES TERRORISM IN OUTRAGES AGAINST BOSTON SOCIALISTS

Oneal Says Soldiers' Attack on Parade Effort to Halt Peace Move.

MEN AND WOMEN CLUBBED

BOSTON—James Oneal, secretary of the Socialist party of Massachusetts, on behalf of the Socialists of the state and the city and the workingmen and women assaulted by a mob of soldiers and sailors in the United States uniform during a street parade July 1, has issued an appeal to all liberty loving citizens to help maintain civil rights.

Oneal charges that the police gave no protection against the uniformed men in the outrage and that the marauders brutally attacked men, women and children. His statement reads:

"In judging the affair last Sunday, when a peace parade and meeting was broken up by a disorderly group of soldiers and sailors, certain facts should be borne in mind.

HAD PERMIT FOR MEETING

"A few weeks ago the Socialist party of Boston called a conference of delegates of labor unions, workingmen's sick and death benefit societies, the mothers' league and party branches to co-operate in arranging the parade and meeting.

"Application for permits was made and granted. It was decided to make the conference a continuous body and call it the Workingmen's Council. The purpose of the permanent organization is to strengthen forces working for peace on the basis of free Russia's demands for no annexations, no punitive indemnities and free development of all nations. Also preservation and improvement of labor standards.

"No suggestion was made at any time to interfere with recruiting or to oppose the enforcement of the conscription act, though we favor its repeal. We never harbored the absurd illusion attributed to us of 'stopping the war.' We know that this is beyond our power. But we hoped that by mobilizing opinion in favor of peace we may be of some service in hastening the peace conference. We also had in mind the preservation of democratic institutions which war and militarism always threaten.

SOLDIERS ATTACK MARCHERS

"Our parade formed in an orderly manner in Park square. Before it left the square, 25 or more soldiers and sailors paraded in the square, making remarks which were calculated to arouse the resentment of the marchers and to test the degree of tolerance of the few police present.

"On Tremont St. the marchers were mobbed by the soldiers, banners were torn from their grasp and men, women and children were assaulted. The latter received little protection from the police.

"Speakers reached the hall on the common about 4 p. m. and James Maurer had been speaking about five minutes when Supt. Crowley drove up in a police van and asked for our permit. S. J. McBride, who had this document, was delayed in reaching us. We postponed the meeting until he could be found.

MOB WRECKS OFFICE

"In the meantime soldiers and sailors entered the great audience on the ball grounds and caused another disturbance. Seeing that it was their intention to make trouble we decided not to wait for the permit, but to advise the people to quietly disperse.

"While this was going on I could see from the ball grounds that a mob had invaded our state office. Flags were waving from the windows and articles were being thrown to the street. I made my way to the drug store at the

corner of Park square, and by this time the soldiers had left the office. Some 15 or 20 minutes later they entered it again, smashed the windows of the office and a vacant room next door, and continued the work of destruction. One man trying to telephone the police department had the telephone torn from his hand and the wires were cut.

"A call sent by me to police headquarters brought seven or eight police about 10 minutes later. They walked leisurely across Boylston street into the square, while papers were flying from the windows. They did not increase their pace, nor did another group of four or five that approached a few minutes later.

NOT A SOLDIER ARRESTED

"In view of all this, how is it that of those arrested not a single soldier or sailor was among them? A soldier or sailor has no more rights in a public demonstration than any civilian, and when these boys assaulted men and women in the streets and invaded our premises a blow was struck at the civil rights of every citizen of the commonwealth.

"If nothing is done by either the city or federal authorities to punish the guilty parties, sanction will have been given to terrorism and mobs will usurp the police powers of the city. Like all such reversions to barbarism, the Sunday riots have reacted against the guilty parties. I heard expressions of disgust on all sides and many expressed their sympathy for us, and not a few promised substantial financial contributions.

"In the name of the labor unions and other bodies that participated in this demonstration; yes, in the name of every decent, fair-minded, citizen who prizes freedom of discussion and assemblage, I protest against this disgraceful incident. It is a blow between the eyes delivered by irresponsible men, drunk with a mistaken view of their calling.

"If irresponsible boys are to usurp the police powers of the city and state, then civil liberty is a mockery and free discussion a lie."

BOSTON JOURNAL PROTESTS

The Boston Journal, in an editorial under the heading, "A Sorry Day for Boston," scores the uniformed rowdies, and urges that they be disciplined by executive order of the president. The editorial follows:

"A deep disgrace of Boston and a sorry stain to the American uniform—that is a mild judgment of the rioting yesterday in our streets and in that historic park dedicated to the cause of Liberty.

"A parade of civilian men and women, within their rights and within the law, was attacked by American soldiers and sailors. Innocent citizens were injured, private property destroyed. The free streets and public park were taken in possession by the uniformed men and the rights of the civilian were denied.

"And this in Boston, U. S. A.—and in a year when the nation has been urged to give its blood to 'make the world safe for democracy!'"

"The Socialists, a political party existing by law, were having one of their customary parades. With the American flag they carried their usual banners, bearing their party inscriptions.

"And then along comes a crowd, dressed in the proudest regalia of the

United States, and attacks the persons and the liberties of the paraders, including both men and women.

"In Park Ave., under the shadow of Abraham Lincoln's statue, a second crowd breaks into and plunders the Socialist headquarters, burning furniture and fittings in the street.

"The United States uniform lent a hand in breaking, entering and larceny—in broad daylight, in a public square of one of the most populous cities in the country.

ASKS WILSON TO ACT

"The scores of soldiers and sailors who took part in this brutal outburst have insulted their service, their uniforms and the flag they so cheaply pretended to 'honor.' By executive order of the president, they should be searched out and disciplined, and no citizen who is awake to the value of citizenship rights will rest until such an order has been issued.

"Incidentally, no single misfortune in all the country in these troublous times has done as much as this will do to harden the hearts of the already numerous skeptics against our war for democracy. If peaceful citizens can not pursue their orderly way without interference by the military the old fear of 'militarism' must rise again.

"It will be well for the country if yesterday's outrage is promptly disavowed and as promptly punished. Free America will not stand much of German style military autocracy in its democratic army.

"As for the uniformed men who outraged our citizenry, they are, we are glad to say, only a small part of the whole number of those who have been chosen to fight for their country. But it may not be out of place to suggest to the government that, if this is the temper of so many men that further riots are threatened, it is best for the cause of peace at home to hustle these troops to France, where they may fight for their lives against an armed foe, without any spare time for bullying innocent women and tired laborers."

All Work Together

Atty Nicholas Klein, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who says that 13 Cincinnati Socialists are being held by the federal authorities on charges of treason, urges that attorneys throughout the nation who are retained for similar defenses, communicate with him so that a uniform plan of action may be adopted.

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An Historical Landmark
of the Social RevolutionBy **WALTER HURT**

A community of natural comradeships, in a land of happy hospitalities, it is not surprising that in Covington, Ky., Socialism should early have found a congenial soil.

It was here the second Socialist local in Kentucky was organized in November, 1899, the first local having been formed in Louisville; and here through the succeeding years was incubated much of the inspiration for the movement that spread throughout the state, penetrating even to the remotest mountain region.

It was here first came that splendid rebel, Father McGrady, beloved of his Bellevue flock, to let his great soul flame forth in a passion for social justice.

And here, in the quaint cobbler shop of a no less quaint character, J. H. Dold, Socialism found headquarters that were to become known to comrades all over the continent. Here for eight years—from 1902 to 1910—the movement had its abiding place, and here came for fraternal communion, not only all the Socialist speakers that were

perhaps, than any other man in Covington; and certain it is that none other has so wide an acquaintance throughout the country. Governors, senators, and cabinet officers have been his patrons; among the many famous men of the past whose footgear he repaired or whom he shod anew were John G. Carlisle and William A. Goebel.

The accompanying picture of Dold's shop was taken March 1, 1905. The signboard by the curb carries an announcement of a lecture by Father McGrady.

Comrade Dold truly has been a pioneer of progress, an intrepid scout on the frontier of freedom. Revolutionary in spirit from his earliest recollection, as soon as might be this spirit found expression in organized effort. He is a charter member of Local Covington, and previous to the formation of the Social Democratic party, as the present Socialist party first was christened, he was active in the movement known as the Co-operative Commonwealth. These old organization names, so familiar to us veterans

**WHERE COVINGTON, KY., COMRADES FOREGATHER**

Standing by sign in foreground, Tom Fritz. In doorway, from left to right, Will Jones, Ferdinand Festner, J. H. Dold, Frank E. Seeds

brought to Covington, but nearly all that were dated in Cincinnati. The movement now has a more pretentious home, but visiting comrades still make their pilgrimage to these quaint quarters of early days, even as the Moslem journeys unto Mecca. Here genial Joe Dold greets them from his busy bench as in years of yore, and for such time as they may they sit again beneath the drippings of his philosophic sanctuary.

Comrade Dold is well called the "Cobbler Philosopher." He is a student and a thinker; and he studies to a purpose and thinks with accuracy, and has mastered the philosophy of Socialism as well as any. Elihu Burritt, the "Learned Blacksmith," may have known more languages, but he knew no more of philosophy than does this Covington cobbler, and was far less learned in the facts of life.

For twenty-three years Comrade Dold has occupied this same shop, patching the shoes and mending the economic errors of his customers. He is personally known to more people,

of the movement, must sound strange to the ears of the recruits of today.

To me this shop of Dold's is the repository of rare associations, and the comrades of Local Covington hold a special place in my heart. For more than ten years I have frequented the shop during my many visits to Cincinnati and vicinage, and have warmed my hopes at the hearthstone of its welcome. Here was to be found the choicest of companionship. Here congregated rare raconteurs, who tilted humor with a nimble foil; here profound philosophy was discoursed with an amazing proficiency; and here variant wisdom was vented until each session was a large share in a liberal education. And over it all hung clouds of fragrant smoke like incense above the altar of inspiration.

Here it was I met and learned well to know the resident live-wires, among whom I now can recall Frank E. Seeds, the Chauncey Depew of the movement; John Thobe, the local Demosthenes of labor (in justice to Demosthenes I should explain that I

never heard that gentleman declaim); Frank J. Lavanier, the irrepressible; that gentle comedian, Tom Fritz; Will Jones, the vagrom one; the scholarly A. A. Lewis; and such other congenial spirits as Randolph Winkler, Ferdinand Festner, Sam Rifkin, William H. Danks, Pete Blau, Sam Phillips, James Dial, Jr., George Riley, Frank Mills, Charles Brune, Allen Gorrell, Henry Votel, Jake Hattel, Wallace Barker, Ira Porter, Henry Giesen, and Dr. W. G. Sherrer.

Then from nearby Newport were wont to come Walter Lanfersiek, Frank Streine, George Brill, Walter Schreiber, Adam Nagel, and John Gamble.

Also, from neighboring Bellevue there often journeyed to join the circle such staunch comrades as Gus Wagenlander, Charles A. Oldendick, and M. A. Brinkman, while frequent visitors from Cincinnati were Joseph H. Nathan and the Branstetter brothers.

In more recent days I was made happy by meeting Herman Plaggenburg, one of the most forceful factors in the local; that tireless worker in the Socialist vineyard, John S. Baird; the human dynamo, W. M. Spradling; Billy Catton, Pierce Johnson, Carl Beushauser, Sam Wetzel, George Dreier, and Lew and Gilbert Grober.

"Where are they now, these friends of mine?" Like members of a scattered family, many of them have gone forth into earth's far places, and never again in Time shall our paths converge. But wherever they be I hope this message of remembrance may reach them, and cheer them with its spirit of unforgetting comradeship, and that soon I may have their answering hail, addressed in care of SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

Comrade Campbell in Jail

Caruthersville, Jail.

Comrades:

Greeting. While I am waiting here in the city jail of Caruthersville, Missouri, for a train to convey me to a Federal prison at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, will re-state to my friends and comrades, I am absolutely innocent of violating any laws of this nation, or any declarations issued by our President or any other Governmental officers, state or county, and I court the fullest investigation of my conduct as lecturer.

All I ask is justice and I am sure I will show to the world I am as true an American as ever breathed free air and as loyal now, and have always been to our glorious flag and institutions as any one could be. But like many others I believe our institutions can be made better. Therefore, I have been lecturing along lines I fully believe would better them, and if my political enemies send me to writhe in a Federal prison for my defense of the down trodden, I will consider it the proudest day of my life to give what I can to advance a cause for which I would be willing to give my life, which is a socialist commonwealth.

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The Rising Tide of Socialism*Continued from page 5*

of the United States. Fortunately, the highest judges still believe in law and order. The decision of Federal Judge Rose, of Baltimore, acquitting the men who had been arrested for distributing an anti-conscription pamphlet, proves that the Constitution still exists, notwithstanding the bureaucracy in Washington and petty officials scattered throughout the country. Forty-nine members of the Socialist Party in Philadelphia were jailed for reading before a peaceable meeting of the Young People's Socialist League, a document issued in Russia by the Revolutionary Provisional Government. This may prove somewhat embarrassing to the Administration, in view of our official relations with Russia.

Current Comment

By WALTER THOMAS MILLS

Author of "The Struggle for Existence" and "Democracy or Despotism."

The Kaiser and God.—The German Kaiser promises the deposed King of Greece that the "Kaiser and God" will put the King back on his throne again.

But the Allies promise, now that they have put the King off his throne, to keep him off with the help of the British government at Washington. It is their idea that President Wilson can help the Allies more effectively than God will help the Kaiser.

More strength to the Allies. They put the King out of Greece in order to establish the principle that small nations shall not be interfered with by the stronger powers. That is why they interfere.

A Narrow Escape.—It is now quite generally agreed that, after the war, women are to vote in England. This will be a further compliance of the most "democratic of all countries" with the simplest requirements of democracy.

Still one can hardly refrain from a bit of gratitude that woman suffrage did not come a generation ago. If there had been woman suffrage in England then, the oldest child of Queen Victoria would have been Queen of England and her oldest child would have been King. But the German Kaiser is the oldest child of the oldest child of Queen Victoria.

So it is sure that had woman suffrage come a little while before the war instead of after it, then the Kaiser of Germany would have been King of England.

But if the Kaiser is responsible for the war and is the sole remaining defender of autocracy, what a shifting of things it would have caused if a woman had counted for as much as a man in the family of the greatest royal house of modern times. Think of the Kaiser as the "King of Great Britain and Ireland, the Emperor of India, the Head of the Church, and the Ruler of Our Dominions over the Seas." What sort of governments would Egypt, Ireland and India have had in such an event?

But then, had woman suffrage prevailed, the royal family itself might have been different and all the institutions of Europe might have been so managed that war would not have been "absolutely unavoidable" among the grandchildren of the greatest Queen in English history.

The War for Democracy.—Democracy means that those who are concerned in any matter shall be heard in its management. It means that those who do things together shall have voice together in the management of the things they do together. It means that all the people shall have equal opportunity to be concerned and to be heard in all matters of collective concern. This world war is being fought in order to establish this democracy everywhere.

That is the reason why Congress was told what to do and voted blindly and simply to "stand by the president."

That is the reason why conscription has been adopted. It is understood to be the most effective expression of equal opportunity that it is possible to devise.

That is the reason why our conscription is "selective." To be selected as well as conscripted makes it possible for the poorest people to belong to the select. It may be that only the poor will be selected. That certainly is democratic.

Then the man who goes to war has his wages cut to thirty dollars a month. The man who furnishes the munitions and supplies and who controls the bread of all the people, may raise his prices so that the family of the soldier will have, say 70% less to buy with and may pay 70% more for food, and so it is sure that the war will bring prosperity as well as democracy.

This great prosperity is sure to come because "business men" can raise the price to such a point that the people will pay for half the food what the "business men" have paid for all of it. Then the "business men" can sell the other half to our allies and take their pay in our war bonds. The bonds will be clear profit to the "business men," who in the end will get both the bonds and the proceeds from the sale of bonds. This will be a sort of patriotic, democratic profit, because secured by bonds issued in a world fight for democracy. Most of the people bought bonds. All of the people will help to pay them. The humblest citizen will have a share. This is so because they are war bonds in a war for democracy.

The draft is selective, but the bonds are not. There will be nothing selective in the burden-bearing which must follow after them.

A Great Success.—The censorship of the war news in this country has been so successful that the movements of our navy are better known in Berlin than in Washington. But, seriously, it is a most embarrassing thing to attempt to write comments on current events when it is known that the most important of all public events are deemed not to be good for the people to know about.

In a democracy all are to be heard. Election will be coming on in a few months of the very gravest importance. Now we are told that it is not safe for us to know. Then we will be told that we cannot wisely judge the things we do not know. Everybody will be asked to do what the congress has done—get back of the president and give support in ignorance, both of the conditions and of the policies involved.

Here is the coming situation: You are not to know the facts. You are not to guess what is taking place. You are not to have in your possession the things out of which opinions are made. You are not to have any opinions. You are to rejoice over the news that reaches you. You are to take any advice printed in the newspapers. Advice that is not good for you will not be printed—it will not be allowed. If voting is to be done, you are to vote as you are told to do.

If you ask to know, that is an evidence of a treasonable purpose. If you do not approve of what you do not understand, that means that you are not patriotic. If you ask to know the terms that a layman can under-

stand what it is that we are fighting for—that is pro-German. No one but a German sympathizer would ask such a question. And then, when the elections come and we must deal with the Congress "that got us into war," then if you have one drop of the good red blood of a real American, "vote as you shoot" or go to jail for an attempt to embarrass the nation in the midst of its life-and-death struggle for world-wide democracy.

Please let us know about what we would like to talk about and what we must vote about, whether permitted to know about it or not.

Some Startling Facts.—A report was recently prepared by a committee of United States Treasury experts for a committee of the United States Senate which shows that forty-four American corporations increased their profits in 1916 over their profits of 1914 by \$591,666,151. Of this sum \$250,000,000 were added to the graft of the Steel Trust, \$100,000,000 to the Powder Companies and \$30,000,000 to the Packing Houses.

Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, is authority for the statement that the directors of these forty-four corporations are alike prominent in the "interlocked directorates" of the federated trusts of this country and on the various "war councils" of the country.

It may be further said that these same men are fighting for world democracy, for the honor of our country, for the end of autocracy, for more bonds and for more profits in 1917 than in the year preceding.

Yes, they succeeded in cutting down the war tax on their profits and in putting over a ten-billion-dollar war budget with which to make their profits safe as well as large.

If the government would conscript just the graft in these and other corporations on the same plan that it is conscripting the lives of our boys, the war budget could be cut in two and the most prosperous patriots of the nation made pacifists whose enthusiasm for the ending of the war would exceed that of the Socialists now in jail for refusing to be made a party to a conflict which they cannot possibly approve.

Power Is Too Dangerous

Vigilant Americans who have no sympathy with the contents of Socialist papers that have been barred from the mails in St. Louis and elsewhere will sympathize with the efforts to get the ban lifted and the doctrine established that neither postmasters nor the postmaster-general shall be clothed with power to exclude publications from privileges of the mail because of their opinion of the contents. If this is not settled in this way, the practical effect will be to give to Congress or to the Post Office Department a power to do indirectly what could not be constitutionally done directly. It is true that Congress has power over the mails, but it is equally true that when this power is exercised to exclude publications because of the opinions they set forth, there is a substantial denial or abridgment of the freedom of the press, which the constitution forbids.

Freedom of the press does not mean license. Publishers are and ought to be held responsible for what they publish. But they are entitled to trial before a judge and a jury. It is not

consistent with the genius of American institutions to turn over to some administrative official the right to determine what shall be permitted to be circulated. That would be Prussian autocracy of the worst type. It could be used to suppress newspapers that sought to expose conditions of which the people had a right to know. It is idle to argue that it would not be so used. The only safety against tyranny lies in denying it the power. Some of the papers that have been barred from the mails were lawful publications. They opposed the conscription act, it is true, but they did not advise anybody to disobey it. They asked their readers to petition Congress to repeal it. The right of petition is safeguarded by the constitution.

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Tom and Rena Mooney

Another Word

By EUGENE V. DEBS

The readers of this paper are familiar with the extraordinary case of Tom Mooney and his wife Rena and their three associate defendants who are to be railroaded to the gallows by the plutocrats of the Pacific coast and their venal hirelings because of their activities in the labor movement.

The verdict in the case of Tom Mooney which consigned him to the gallows has been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt to have been obtained upon the perjured testimony of as cold-blooded a villain as ever went unhung, a villain almost as low and heartless and despicable as Fickert, the slimy prosecutor himself, who functions in the dual capacity of jackal and scavenger in the service of the Board of Commerce of San Francisco and the major and minor pirates of the same breed associated with them. When the notorious Oxman, "the honest cattleman," was exposed in his own hand-writing as a perjurer, a villain who negotiated for the purchase of witnesses to convict innocent persons that he might obtain the blood-money offered by capitalist cannibals as reward for their conviction—when this filthy specimen of capitalism's degenerate hirelings stood uncovered in all his rotten repulsiveness it was taken for granted that the whole prosecution would fall to the ground and that everyone connected with it would be loaded with infamy and driven with lashes of flame out of public life. But the brazenness of the San Francisco gang of capitalistic highbinders was little understood, even by those who for years had been its victims, and notwithstanding the very judge who tried Mooney was shocked and appalled by the disclosures which utterly discredited the prosecuting witnesses and declared that the conviction was a crime and that Mooney was entitled to a new trial; notwithstanding this and much more that cannot be detailed here, the Board of Commerce and its foul and filthy Fickert proceeded coolly to place Rena Mooney, the loyal and devoted wife and comrade upon trial for her life.

It is enough to stagger a man of stone. It does not seem possible. It is actually unbelievable. It simply

cannot be true. The people would not could not, stand for it.

When I think of this high-handed infamy being perpetrated before our very eyes with the complete sanction of the authorities and with the active co-operation of the public officials who have sworn to administer justice, and instead are serving as the dirty tools of private interests in judicially assassinating innocent human beings; when I think of this the mob spirit seizes me, and I say a thousand times rather mob law by an outraged people than their abject submission to thief law and crook law such as now prevails in San Francisco, and under which Tom and Rena Mooney and their three comrades are to be killed like dogs to glut the lust of the rich robbers they offended by standing staunchly between these capitalist criminals and their working class victims.

Will the people of San Francisco and of the Pacific coast and of the United States in general stand for the consummation of this notoriously criminal conspiracy? Will they allow Rena Mooney and her husband, absolutely innocent of crime, unless it be a crime to sympathize with and serve the poor as Christ himself did; will they allow these fine souls to be murdered to appease the wrath of the hyenas that are clamoring for their blood? I cannot believe it. I shall not believe it. Something will surely burst with a roar before this happens, and when that hour strikes Fickert and his nest of official rodents and the Board of Commerce and their thieving allies will get all they have bargained for in these infamous proceedings.

If the people of San Francisco allow Tom and Rena Mooney and their three associates to go to their doom upon the purchased testimony of such black-hearted villains as Oxman and by such damnable methods as Oxman's pal, Fickert, employed, then San Francisco is rotter than Sodom of old and another earthquake is needed to annihilate its filth and corruption and abomination, and wipe it from the face of the earth.

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What Socialists Want Now

An explanation of the Socialist Platform—Second Installment

By WALTER J. MILLARD

Let us consider some more of the political demands of the Socialist Platform, and let us see if they are also what you, as a normal human being, should want.

The second demand is as follows: Democratic control of government through a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative, referendum and recall.

To anyone who has been taught to believe that the Constitution of the United States is in the same class of things as the Ten Commandments and is a sort of miraculous document, such a demand must sound like sacrilege. It asks that the basic and organic law of the country be subject to change at any time a majority of the citizens voting for a change decide to have it. It proposes that the question of making a change shall be voted on whenever a petition signed by a certain number of citizens be received at Washington. It further proposes that any public servant who gets his wages from the people, shall be fired when

his boss—that is, the people—decide, to fire him.

People like Wm. H. Taft must be astonished to find that a bolt of lightning does not strike dead anyone presumptuous enough to suggest such a measure. However, it simply proposes to apply to the national constitution what already is found in many state constitutions.

There are some people who, while they know that the constitution was written by men and not by demi-gods, have an idea that it already gives the people democratic control of the government. It comes as a shock to such people to be told that the constitution was written and arranged to prevent democratic control and that none of its amendments have produced such a control yet.

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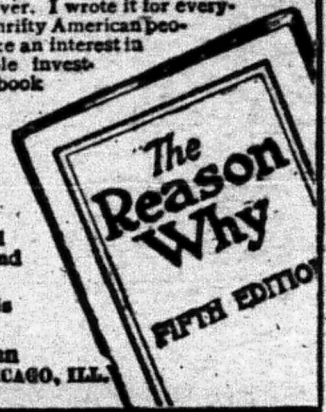
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Prof. J. Allen Smith takes the undemocratic character of our constitution as the main subject of a book called "The Spirit of American Government." In one chapter, with the heading "The Constitution as a Reactionary Document," he piles evidence upon evidence to show its real character. James Oneal's splendid book, "The Workers in American History," also gives a mass of information on this question. The SOCIAL REVOLUTION publishes this book and it was mentioned in last month's article. If I was rich I would give a copy of Oneal's book to every school-child in the United States. Then all we would need to do to have socialism would be to wait until the undertaker takes care of their fathers.

The need for such an amendment has become so deeply felt that even non-socialists are advocating it. A league has been formed called The National Popular Government League for the purpose of pushing this demand. Judson King, 637 Munsey Bldg., Washington, D. C., is the secretary.

Senator Robert Owen, of Oklahoma, made a speech in favor of this measure recently that stirred up the animals both in and out of congress so much that they roared for days. The League will send you that speech free.

A country that is conducting a war against another country "to make the world safe for democracy" should remember that democracy, like charity, begins at home. This proposal would give us a real political democracy in this country, for the will of the majority of the voters would then be the basic law. Ask yourself whether you are content to live in a sham democracy or whether you will help the socialists make this a real democracy by the passage of this measure.

The next plank may seem a little obscure at first, but when you understand it you will conclude that it is one of the most practical and necessary measures proposed. It is as follows:

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But consider yourself when you vote, especially when you vote for anyone whom you want as the member of a deliberative body such as a congress, legislature or council. Are you sure that your vote will be effective? Are you sure that your vote will help elect your man? No, you are not. The only way you can be sure that your vote will actually help elect anyone is by knowing ahead of time who will be elected and then voting for that man. Even then he may not need your vote because he will probably have enough votes to elect him without yours. Because of so much chance in voting the politician cries "Don't throw your vote away."

Now it is a bad thing to have the greatest power in the world, the collective, will exercised in such an in-

effective way. Consequently, many people have thought over this very earnestly. As a result a method of voting and election has been worked out and is in use in a good many countries by which you can make your vote always help elect someone who represents your opinions.

The method of voting is called "The single transferable vote," and instead of electing one member from each district, several members are elected from one district, so that each instead of representing so much ground, represents a group in the district who think alike. If this method of voting and election, which is also known as the Hare system, were in use in this country, there would be at least twelve socialists in congress at the present time and many of the other members would be more radical than they are.

In Ashtabula, Ohio, which was the first city in the country to adopt the Hare system to elect a council of seven members, the socialists have one councilman, because they are about one-seventh of the voters. There is no way by which they can be prevented from being represented in accordance with their strength.

Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Japan and other countries are already using proportional representation for parliamentary elections. It is to be used in electing part of the proposed Irish Parliament and for some of the members of the British House of Commons after the war. The socialists of Germany are demanding this method of election with as much vigor as they are the redistricting and other election reforms. It will probably be used in electing the Russian Parliament.

In promoting the growth of Socialism it would be of the utmost advantage because we could not be prevented from having our spokesmen present our views and influence the legislation of every elected board, council, legislature and congress. Victor L. Berger remarked to the present writer several years ago that if the socialists of this country had pushed the idea of proportional representation as strongly as they have that of the initiative and referendum, there would be far more social legislation in existence today than there is. While the initiative and referendum are of the utmost importance yet it must not be forgotten that they are of more use in preventing bad legislation than of creating the good variety.

Even republicans and democrats are seeing the justice and fairness of this plank, and we predict that it will shortly be used very widely. The details of carrying out this idea are, of course, slightly technical, but are nevertheless interesting to many people. The American Proportional Representation League, of 802 Franklin Bank Building, Philadelphia, will gladly send you literature explaining the details. The League is in existence to further the proposal under discussion.

You will therefore notice that the two planks we have discussed are so fair and necessary that special non-partisan organizations are urging their adoption. The Socialist Platform is the only political platform that contains them. Don't you favor them, too?

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" " ".....	\$1.30 per 24½-pound sack

SUGAR \$5.00 PER 100 LBS.

(One of Our Leaders)

Our Best Granulated Sugar.....	\$5.00 per 100 lbs.
" " ".....	2.50 per 50 lbs.
" " ".....	1.25 per 25 lbs.
" " ".....	.50 per 10 lbs.

Here is Our Plan

Send us \$1.99 for the following Trial Order and we will then know that you mean business and we'll include with your order our Bargain Grocery Catalogue in which you will find big grocery bargains.

Trial Order AB

	(Estimated) Retail Price	Our Price
5 pounds Our Best Granulated Sugar.....	.50 cents	25 cents
1 large size package Quaker Oats.....	10 cents	7 cents
1 pound Guaranteed Baking Powder.....	.50 cents	39 cents
¼-pound Black Pepper (Ground).....	.25 cents	15 cents
¼-pound Cinnamon (Ground).....	.25 cents	15 cents
¼-pound Ginger (Ground).....	.25 cents	15 cents
¼-pound Mustard (Ground).....	.25 cents	15 cents
2 bars American Family Soap.....	.16 cents	9 cents
2 packages Uneda Biscuits.....	.16 cents	8 cents
1 bar Fels Naphtha Soap.....	5 cents	3 cents
1 pound Breakfast Cocoa.....	.60 cents	39 cents
3 packages Washing Powder.....	.15 cents	9 cents
1 Catalogue Free.....		

Retail Price \$3.22 Our Price \$1.99

YOU SAVE \$1.23

\$3.50 Worth of Merchandise for 99c to Our Customers

In order to quickly introduce our groceries at greatly reduced prices to 10,000 more families, we will let you have the choice of the two articles below for 99 cents or the two articles for \$1.95—providing you send us a trial order for \$1.99 of our groceries as per our offer.

REMEMBER That we will sell only one set to a family. That we will only sell to 10,000 families. That we will only sell one or the two articles to those who send us a trial order for groceries as per our offer.

At a tremendous saving to you and great expense to ourselves, we make the above liberal grand offer in order to get you started in becoming our regular grocery customer. These sets, at these ridiculously low prices, will be snatched up quickly, so rush your order—first come, first served—and we will positively not sell to more than 10,000 families.

Other Big Bargains In Our Catalog

Uneda Biscuits, 12 packages.....	40c
Quaker Oats, 6 large packages.....	36c

AND OTHER BIG BARGAINS

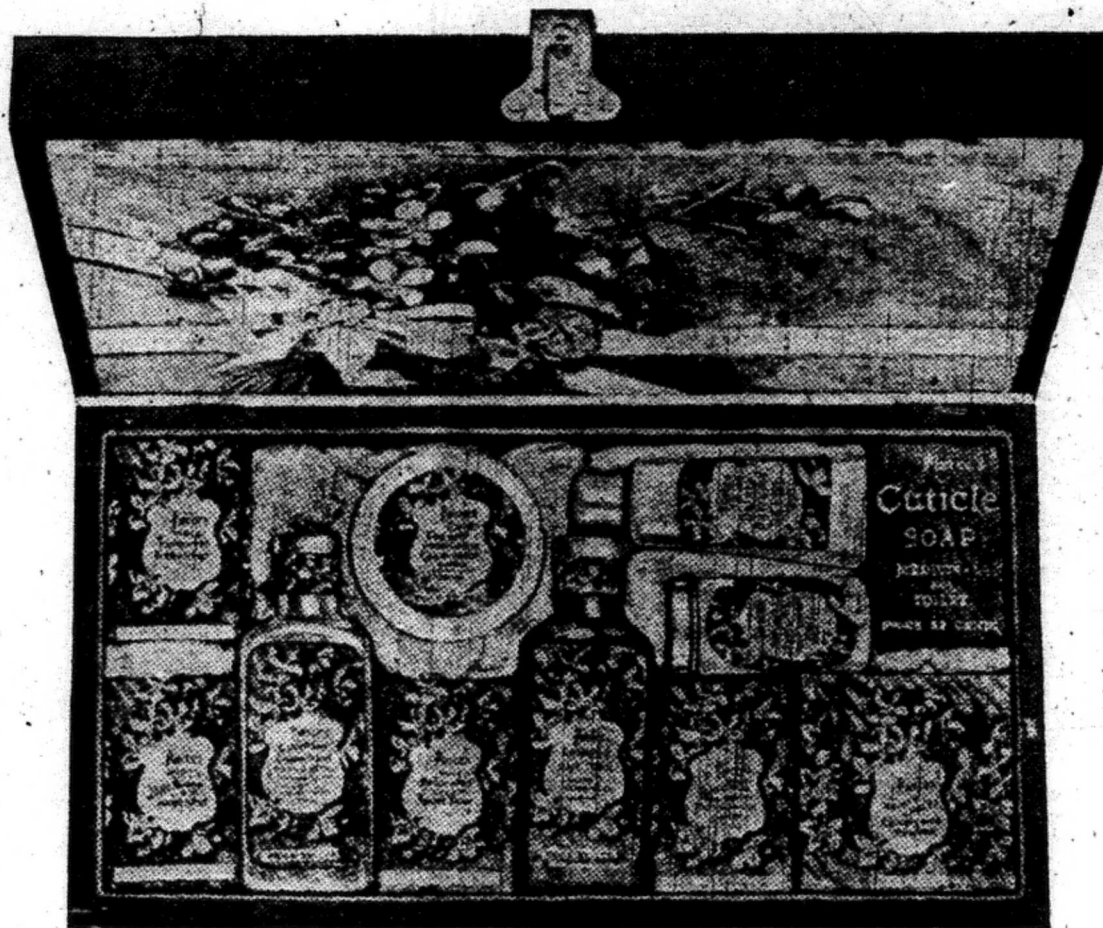
Our trial order and these prices give you an idea of our saving to you on all orders. The more groceries you buy from us the larger the amount you save.

Our Guarantee Remember Your money returned in full if you are not more than pleased. We send no catalogue unless we receive your trial order.

We sell the trial order complete only and no part of same. Nor do we sell any article mentioned in this list separately.

Rush your trial order at once, and get our catalogue and commence saving big money on your groceries.

COLE-CONRAD CO.



This Big Box of Toilet Articles consists of the following:

1 full size box Dainty Violet Complexion Cream.....	\$0.50
1 full size bottle Shampoo Hair Tonic.....	.50
1 full size bottle Cucumber Cream Skin Food.....	.50
1 full size bottle De Lux Dainty Perfume.....	.25
1 full size Powdered Triple Strength.....	.25
1 full size cake Buttermilk and Palm Oil Toilet Soap.....	.25
1 full size cake Violet Transparent Beautifier.....	.15
1 full size cake Medicinal and Toilet Soap.....	.25
1 full size cake Cuticle Medicated Toilet Soap.....	.25
1 full size jar Cold Cream and Wrinkle Eradicator.....	.50
1 full size cake Stain Remover and Hand Soap.....	.10
Total.....	\$3.50

Tear Off Here and Mail with Your Remittance.

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COLE-CONRAD CO., Dept. AB, Chicago, Ill.

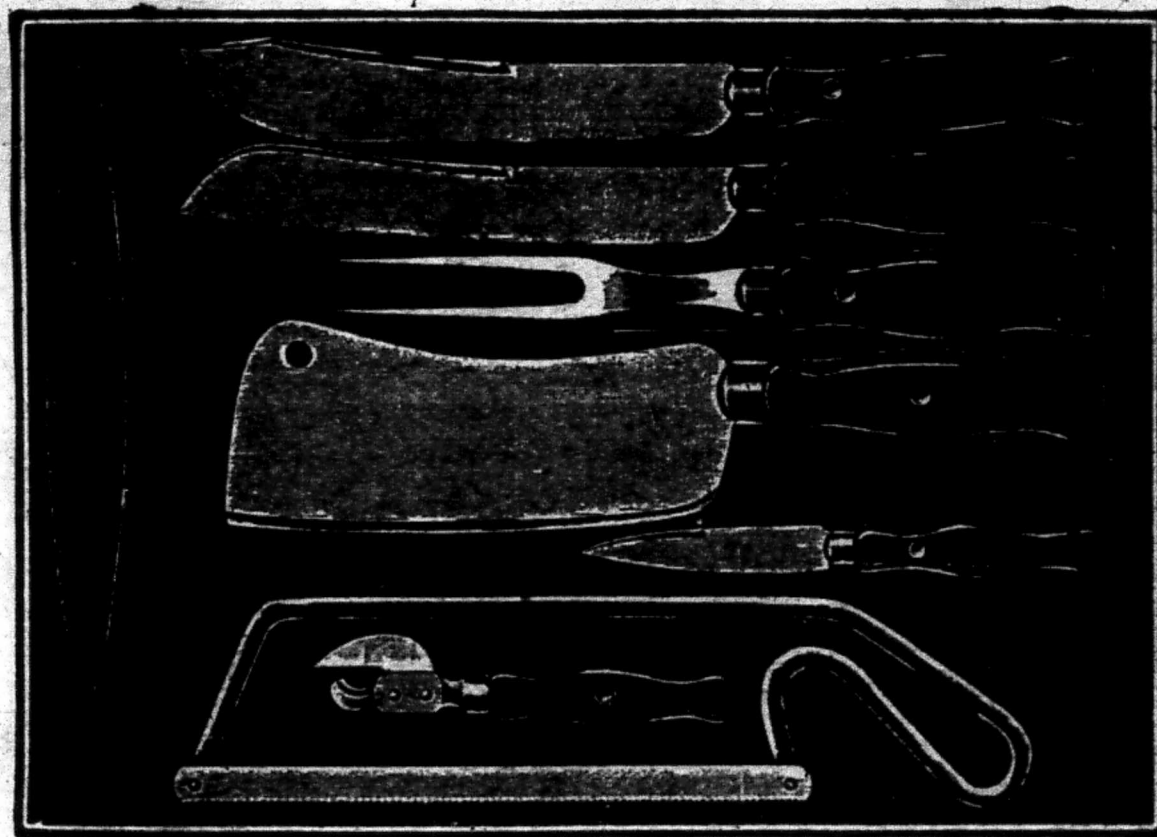
Gentlemen:—Enclosed please find \$1.99 for which send me Bargain Grocery Order No. AB, and include free your catalogue showing your Big Grocery Bargains, it being understood and agreed if I am not perfectly satisfied that I can return the goods and you will at once return my money.

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

Express Office.....



8-PIECE CUTLERY SET

This set is forged from high grade Crucible Steel, carefully tempered and hardened, with a high polish finish. The hard beechwood handles are finished with black rubberoid enamel, which is waterproof, and the large brass rivets prevent the handles from becoming loosened.

Each 8-piece Cutlery Set is packed in a neat carton with the manufacturer's guarantee as follows on each box: "Each article in this set is fully guaranteed by the American Cutlery Company of Chicago, the most celebrated cutlery makers in America. Any piece that does not give the utmost satisfaction in service will be cheerfully replaced."

EACH SET CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

Meat Cleaver.....	\$0.75	Extra Fine Can Opener.....	\$0.10
Steel Carving Knife.....	.50	Steel Paring Knife.....	.10
Steel Bread Knife.....	.30	Steel Pot Fork.....	.20
Steel Blade Meat Saw.....	.50		
Imported Sharpening Stone.....	.05	Total Value.....	\$2.50

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ORDER BLANK

COLE-CONRAD CO., Dept. AB, Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:—Enclosed please find \$1.99 for trial order No. AB, as per your offer. I also enclose 99 cents extra, for which send me article marked with an X as per your offer.

Box of Toilet Articles, retail value \$3.50

8-Piece Cutlery Set, retail value \$2.50

It is understood and agreed if I am not perfectly satisfied that I can return the goods and you will return my money at once.

Name.....

Street or R. F. D.....

City..... State.....

Express Office.....