

THE CALL

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WORKERS

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Price One Cent

ITALIANS IN REVOLT AGAINST GRAFTING VANDERBILT CUP COURSE CONTRACTORS

Human Lies on Protecting Laborers and Slaves

WOMEN MEMBERS BEING RECORDED

The strike-breaking agencies of this city are advertising for non-union laborers and the greatest mystery work is to the location of the laborers. Men who apply for positions work sign contracts to suppress the agents, propose to them.

The agency of H. H. Brown had a following advertisement in a leading newspaper yesterday:

WOMEN WORKERS BEING CHARGED WITH THEFT

LAWRENCE, Mass., Aug. 13.—Mrs. K. Kimball, a nation lawyer, recently employed as a store helper in the waste room of the Washington Hotel of the American Women's Committee, was arrested at his home last night, charged with having from the store, Franklin Butler, Jr., formerly of this city, and son of one of Lawrence's wealthiest citizens, and Fred A. Stone, of North Andover, an amount of \$100.

It is claimed that the Washington Hotel has been robbed of women's wages in a period extending over several years, the estimated value of which is about \$25,000.

WOMAN HERALD GETS \$6000 SUBSCRIPTION FOR BRYAN

WYOMING, Aug. 13.—The Bryan campaign dollar, campaign fund has a list failure in Wyoming, and Democrats are very much disappointed over the small number of subscriptions that are arriving. The Herald staff has announced to only \$6000, of which \$200 was given by the state, leaving the "popular" subscriptions totaling only \$5800.

WOMAN GOES SEXY SING FOR SHERIFF

ALBANY, Aug. 13.—Gov. Hughes tonight announced the appointment of George W. Schurman, of New York, as commissioner to take testimony on the charges recently filed against Sheriff John Bradley, Jr., of Saratoga County, for alleged failure to suppress public betting at Saratoga during the recent race meeting. Schurman was formerly his law partner.

ALBANY, Aug. 13.—Charging Joseph Joseph, of Albany, with neglect of duty in permitting betting to be carried on in Albany during the race meeting, through officers of its executive committee, Sheriff Bradley, of Saratoga, was removed from office. The petition is signed by Rev. Charles M. Oliver and Herbert M. Smith. Eight affidavits sworn to by A. J. Day, Robert K. Wilber, J. J. Day, Charles E. Smith and John J. Lawler are presented in connection with the allegations of neglect of duty. The charges contained in the affidavits, with the opinion of a policy shop, are directed against Bradley and other officers.

Five hundred Italian laborers grafting the Vanderbilt Cup course at Central Park, Long Island, said into veritable pandemonium by employment agencies in New York by arrangement with some officials of the Ridgefield Company, are on the verge of revolt. Profits against the petty grafting of bosses have been met with resister shots, their envelopes are short changed; they have been compelled to deal with a company store for supplies until to eat and sold at double price for second hand provisions, and kept in a constant state of subjugation by fear of losing their work. By the arrangement of their bosses with the employment agencies, as soon as they have been checked out of their last going they are discharged and a check going that has paid an agency two dollars each for the jobs are sent down, robbed and turned loose. This feature was brought before the attention of the Italian Consul and of the Commissioner of Licenses, with the usual effect. Nothing was done, the name of Vanderbilt and the aristocratic members of the Long Island Motor Parkway Company being sufficient to still all investigation.

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78 MINERS ENTOMBED BY GAS EXPLOSION

WIGAN, England, Aug. 13.—An explosion occurred yesterday in the Magpie coal mine belonging to Messrs. Pearson and Knowles. The haulage and ventilating apparatus of the mine were destroyed and about seventy miners were entombed. The rescuers worked all night, falls from the roof and accumulations of poisonous gases seriously obstructing the work. About twenty bodies have been recovered. Fifty-eight more may remain to be accounted for, but all hope of saving them has been abandoned. The bodies recovered were interred beyond all recognition, showing the terrific force of the explosion. The rescuers report ghastly scenes below. There are pitiful scenes at the pithead, where relatives and friends in a frenzy of despair, stand in groups.

STRIKE FOR MORE PAY

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 13.—A disturbance in the Valburg section yesterday on South Orange avenue, near South street, when a number of laborers employed by a local contractor who is digging a cellar for George Schmitt refused to continue at work unless they received an increase in their wages from \$1.35 to \$1.50. Serious trouble was imminent, but no arrests were made, and it is said that the contractor will probably grant the increased pay.

EVA BOOTH STARTS FOR HOME

WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 13.—The condition of Eva Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, who was overcome by the heat at the Bible conference, was improved to-day. In company of friends she started this afternoon for her home in New York.

WEALTHY SOCIETY WOMEN ENTANGLED IN \$100,000 SMOUGLING TRANSACTION

\$2000 in Fines and Penalties Likely Paid by Mrs. Gardner.



"DID SOMEONE WHISTLE?"

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NINE OPERATORS MAKE THREATS

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Nine operators of the Crane Manufacturing Company, who are now being investigated by the United States Bureau of Investigation, have made threats to the union.

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FOUR SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN CAR HITS WAGON

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HIGH WATER

Steady Hook: 1:06 A. M. 1:15 P. M.
Jamaica Bay: 2:10 A. M. 2:29 P. M.
Governor's Island: 1:45 A. M. 2:17 P. M.
Hell Gate: 1:41 A. M. 3:17 P. M.
Willetts Point: 4:41 A. M. 5:11 P. M.
New London: 2:05 A. M. 2:20 P. M.

BROOKLYN READERS OF THE CALL

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RUSSIAN BUTCHERIES CONTINUE

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SECRECY IN CHICAGO CAMPAIGN FUND

"Embarrassing" to Substituted Party Organizations

Republican Congressional Campaign Committee in Wash. City Expects Against Publicity of National Committee...

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Chairman William H. Dickstein, Vice-Chairman James A. Tierney of Missouri...

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ANNIS IS BURIED

Special Grand Jury to Be Asked for

The body of William J. Annis, who was shot on September 11 at the home of the Bayview Club...

When the report of James Cook, police sergeant, that the body of William J. Annis...

Mr. Cook's report will request the grand jury to designate a Justice of the Peace...

The District Attorney, as he is presently being pursued, will call for the indictment of both Annis and the Chicago attorney...

No information has yet been made of the nature of the defense. William C. Perry, attorney for the Bayview Club...

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SPORTS THE NATIONAL GAME

WHERE THEY ARE TO-DAY

Table with columns for American League, National League, Eastern League, and Western League, listing teams and their current locations.

BOSTON GETS MEN BROWNAIRES NEEDED

BOSTON, Aug. 12.—The Boston Red Sox yesterday announced that they had signed...

REBELL TO MEET JOE SEGER AGAIN

At the Boston Athletic Club yesterday afternoon...

GRiffin AND KEYS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

Reports received from the training quarters of Charlie Griffin and Tom Keys...

"WHO IS GOING TO ANSWER THIS MAN?"

The editorial bearing this title which appeared in The Call of Saturday, July 25, has awakened such widespread comment...

NOTE CHANGE OF PRICES. ORDER AT ONCE FROM THE EVENING CALL, SIX PARK PLACE, NEW YORK CITY.

IF ROBBED, TELEPHONE THE CALL. Telephone The Call at 500-5000.

SIX BLACKS CREMATED

Horrible Holocaust in Tennessee Hills

JELLEDON, Tenn., Aug. 12.—Six Negroes, white natives yesterday cremated all of the occupants...

The whites ordered the negroes to leave camp. Similar action was taken by the white natives in the...

STATE PROPAGANDA LEAGUE A SUCCESS

Schenectady, N. Y., Aug. 12.—As a result of the activity displayed by the district committee...

ALICE MACK WINS THE 125 PACE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—The meeting at Westmoreland Park...

TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Three Months, 50c in clubs of FIVE. One Month, 15c in clubs of TEN.

Subscription Department THE EVENING CALL

Mr. Fisk's "THE DEVL." Mr. Savage's

"The Devil," as produced at the Lyceum Theatre last night is a quite unique type of character development...

With less than thirty-six hours in which to assemble his company...

There is a double thrill in the play which is in the eye of the beholder...

There are only two characters in the play who are not the devil himself...

The dramatic purpose of the production of "The Devil" is to give an opportunity for some very clever work...

Whether the credit for the production should be given to the author, to the director, to the stage manager...

There is a problem that will give the most serious thought...

AMUSEMENTS GRAND STREET THEATRE. THE BLACK WARRIORS OF N. Y.

AMUSEMENTS THIRTY THEATRE. THE TRAVELING SALESMAN.

AMUSEMENTS A Concert with Starvation Relief will be given at the United Brethren...

SET LABOR UNIONS TO HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Resolution Was Not Even Read

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The House of Representatives today refused to take up a resolution which would have set the labor unions to the Democrats.

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"SILENCE"

The Silent Book of the Year

By H. GREEN

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CONNOISSEUR'S PRESS, Jersey City, N. J.

Underwear to Fit

Men's and Ladies' Furnishings, Hatters' Outfit and Goods

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HENRY GREEN

Hatter and Men's Furnisher

151 Springfield Ave., Newark, N. J.

TO READERS OF THE CALL

To tell a merchant that you patronize him BECAUSE HE ADVERTISES IN THE CALL is the latter more good than the effort of a salaried advertisement solicitor. By doing it you are EARNING US MONEY. Keep this in mind.

QUAKER SOCIALISTS

LIKE THE CALL

Correspondence to The Call.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—Last week a regular daily route was established for the New York Evening Call in the Thirty-third Ward, being east of Second street. The Call is on all news-stands in the central part of the city and along Ridge avenue. Arrangements are being made to get regular carriers in Frankford and West Philadelphia. Sustaining Fund cards have been taken out by many, and the sale of stamps on these cards will enable the Socialists to supply money enough to make it impossible for the capitalists to financially cripple the first Socialist daily published in English in the eastern part of the United States.

Speakers at street meetings will give a short history of the John Poirer case, and will endeavor to get signatures to a petition in reference to it.

Contributions to the Fred Long Bonnet Fund are as follows: Previously acknowledged, \$152.11; Hugo Hoering, \$1.00; Peter Stroblin, \$2.00; H. J. Le Crew, \$5.12; A. H. Johnson, \$2.00; H. Wundrach, \$2.50; Jas. Farrell, \$2.00; F. J. Rappolo, \$4.25; N. E. Rhodes, 99 cents; A. J. Janke, \$1.74; Julius Wilke, 70 cents; F. J. Snyder, \$2.25; total to date, \$206.25. Contributions may be sent to Jos. E. Cohen, treasurer, room 10, 1205 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Results from street meetings for week ending August 15 were: Literature sales, \$10; collections, \$11.25; average attendance, 129; there are nine corners to be heard from yet.

Comrades having charge of meetings should see to it that the reports for the meetings are sent as soon after the meetings are over as is possible.

The financial secretary of the campaign committees reports the following: Donation, Herman Scheder, \$1; National Sub. Lists, No. 12,247, \$2.50; No. 12,248, \$2.25; No. 12,249, \$1.25; receipts from all sources, \$33.05.

If you want to reach the people that buy, advertise in The Evening Call.

GRAND LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 7, '08, AT 8 P. M.

Grand Central Palace, Lexington Ave. and 43d St.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW YORK EVENING CALL

SPEAKERS:

Robert Hunter, Alexander Irvine, James Tole, Pres. "Big Six," and Clarence S. Darrow.

(Note.—Mr. Darrow is making a special trip from Chicago for this occasion, and this will be the only opportunity to hear this great labor champion.)

An elaborate musical program befitting the occasion will be provided, at which some of the most prominent artists will appear.

GRAND BAND CONCERT.

Tickets, Twenty-five cents. Platform Seats, Fifty cents.

Office New York Volkshaus, 15 Spruce St.; office Jewish Daily Forward, 115 East Broadway; Socialist Party Headquarters, 230 East 84th St.; Labor Temple, 245 East 54th St.; Band School, 112 East 19th St.; Workmen's Educational Association, 3709 Third Ave.; Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 645 Williams Ave.; Brooklyn office of The New York Evening Call, 6 Park Pl.; West Side Headquarters, 585 Eighth Ave.; Harlem Socialist Club, 250 West 125th St.; Melrose Book Store, 422 Grand St.; L. A. Mallett, 40 Canal Ave.; Tonkers, N. Y.; Socialist Party Headquarters, 12 N. Broadway, Tonkers, N. Y.; Liberty Hall, cor. Spring and Shippen Sts., West Hoboken, N. J.

WATCH THE CALL FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

PLUMBERS STRIKE AT PENN. TERMINAL

Union plumbers went on strike on the Pennsylvania Terminal at Thirty-fourth street and Eighth avenue yesterday, because steam fitters have been employed to put in the water meters. The contractors for the work are Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co.

LABOR DAY ISSUE

The editions of The Call for Labor Day, September 7, will be specially intended for propaganda among labor men. Special news of the labor movement and a number of notable articles by leading trade-unionists and Socialists will appear.

GOOD-BY TO OLD EVERETT HOUSE

Workers began yesterday to tear down the old Everett House in Union Square. The Fuller company has the contract to build a sixteen-story office building, to cost \$650,000, for the Everett Investing Company.

PAPER MAN ASKS FOR ANOTHER TRAIN

Walter L. Newton, a newspaper reporter, asked the Public Service Commission yesterday to compel the Long Beach Railroad to run a train on its shore division after midnight.

ROMAN CHURCH AND SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

By ROBERT DELL, in The Socialist Review, London.

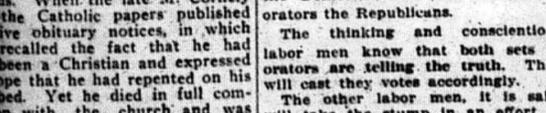
turn. Since 1877, every reactionary movement, Royalist, Boulangist, Nationalist, has derived its chief strength from the church. The church engineered the anti-Dreyfusard conspiracy, and still proclaims its guilt by the disgraceful attacks on Major Dreyfus in the Clerical press, which had their natural consequence in the Pantheon the other day. It was absolutely necessary to clear the way for social progress by delivering France from Clerical domination. That deliverance has now been accomplished, but the struggle is not over. The ground has been shifted. The church has no longer any hope of recovering its position by a direct attack on the Republic; it has no hope of winning back the masses of the people. Its only hope—and it is a forlorn one—is in an alliance with the capitalist bourgeoisie and the forces of militarism against the growing forces of Socialism.

COMMON SENSE IN MEN'S DRESS

By ALEXANDER TROPE.

This hot, sticky, close weather leads one to thoughts of common sense in dress and one is inclined to note what a calm, complacent, easily satisfied animal man is in this respect. Women are always changing their fashions. From hoop skirt to bustle; from long train to the sheath skirt now creating such a stir. Ever since the race discarded the simple, free and beautiful costumes of ancient times it has jumped from one crazy style of adornment to another equally grotesque, until it reached the simple, graceful style of colonial times and since that period has switched off again into ridiculous fashions.

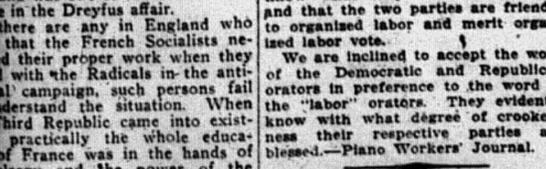
OUR DAILY PUZZLE.



When you have lots of trouble And don't know what to do, Just get the cook to tell you of The chickens in the stew. Find the master.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE. (Face formed by design on right looking from left side.)

THE CHANGING STYLE.



POMPADOUR SUNSHADES WITH EMBROIDERY FROCKS. A charming color note in the summer toilette is the pompadour, sunshade carried with delectable costume confections of sheer lingerie fabrics, fine laces and beautiful designs in blind and eyelid embroideries and over chapeaux of beautiful white braid and straw, with all white trimmings of soft transparencies, which frequently depend in streamer fashion down the back and swath the crown, over which spread soft white wings.

APPLE CHUTNEY.

To twelve green sour apples allow six green tomatoes, two green peppers, four small onions, one cup raisins, one quart vinegar, two table-spoonfuls mustard seed, two of salt, one of powdered sugar and two cups brown sugar. Seed the raisins and peppers, add the tomatoes and onions and chop all very fine. Put vinegar, sugar and spices on to boil, add the chopped mixture and simmer an hour. Add the apples pared and cored and cook gently until soft. Keep in small bottles sealed tight.

VEGETABLE SILK

What is it? A new material for hosiery and underwear. THE CALL SUSTAINING FUND DEPARTMENT has secured the local agency. Send your orders. ALL PROFITS TO THE CALL. Men's, Women's and Children's Hosiery, 50c. Place your first order to help the Fund. You will place your second because you like the goods. For description of full line of hosiery and underwear, send for catalog. Address: ANNA L. MALEY, General Collector, The Call Sustaining Fund, 6 Park Place, New York City.

INSTRUCTION.

BRONX PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 460 East 172nd Street.

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Preparatory Class (English, Latin, Mathematics), six weekly evening lessons, begins September 10; \$5 monthly.

MAX DOLIN, Russian Viol'n Virtuoso.

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VISITORS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO CALL.

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W. J. GHENT, Secretary, 683 Ocean Ave., Jersey City.

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The New York World of August 12 devotes a column and a quarter of its editorial space (an unusual space for that paper to devote to any subject) to a discussion of "The Labor Unions and Politics." It records

WE ARE STILL SMALL, BUT WE ARE GROWING FAST.

a number of facts which, to our regret and to the shame of the working class, we have to admit to be true.

We quote: "Not one voter in seven belongs to any labor organization. There are in the United States more Odd Fellows and Free Masons than members of the American Federation of Labor, the Knights of Labor, the Industrial Workers of the World and all the unaffiliated unions. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Typographical Union, the Anthracite coal miners, and the Building trades unions are almost the only important cases where the organized bodies include a majority of the men. In the factories of the United States there were employed in 1905, 5,470,321 wage-earners and 519,751 salary drawers. Of the wage-earners 1,065,884 were women, 153,839 were children, and less than 4,000,000 were voters. Of these not

one belonged to any trade union. Organized labor has never cast its vote in block. With isolated exceptions, its members, no more than the Knights of Pythias or the Odd Fellows or the Maccabees, cast their votes as an organization. None of the national unions has taken united political action. Members of labor organizations have hitherto been more prone to split their vote than the members of business organizations. However obedient to orders to strike, however submissive to direction in trade matters, the members of labor organizations, which more than members of chambers of commerce, boards of trade, and merchants' and manufacturers' associations, have refused to take part in politics as a body."

We are sorry to have to admit that all this is true. It is a fact that most of the wage-workers of the country do not as yet belong to any union. The Socialist party, through its press, through its speakers, and by every means, urges all workingmen and all working women to join the unions; it does not assume to advise what union they should join, whether those organized on craft lines and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor or those organized on industrial lines and affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World; that is a question for them to decide, according to the circumstances of their trade and their locality; but in any case we may expect that their experience in the labor movement will teach them to work for closer organization within each trade and among the several trades. The first thing is to get them into the organized labor movement. It is also true, we regret to admit, that most of the wage-workers—and even most of the organized wage-workers—do not vote together as workingmen, but divide their votes among the parties of the capitalist class. The Socialist party exists for the purpose of organizing these workingmen upon the political field as effectively as their exploiters are already organized by the Republican and Democratic parties; to put forward a platform as truly representing the interests of the workers as the Republican and Democratic platforms represent the interests of the great capitalists and the small capitalists; to nominate candidates as true to the workers as Messrs. Taft and Sherman and Messrs. Bryan and Kern are true to the big monopolists and the little profit-takers; and to carry on a campaign, by the press, by the distribution of literature, and by word of mouth, in the unions and out of the unions, on the streets, in the tenements and wherever it can reach the working people, to educate them, not to accept Republican and Democratic ideas, but, above all, to think for themselves about the conditions confronting them, and to decide for themselves which party actually represents their interests.

Yes, we have to admit that most of the working people have not yet learned to belong to a labor union, and that most of those who have learned that elementary lesson have not yet learned to vote as they strike, for their class.

But, small as is the beginning which we have made, it is ENOUGH TO ALARM THE CAPITALIST CLASS—enough to COMPEL all three of the capitalist parties to make a bid for the labor vote this year; enough to COMPEL the capitalist newspapers to devote column after column of space to the discussion of what this labor vote is going to amount to.

Four years ago we were able to say that two million of the working people of the nation had affiliated themselves with labor unions, and that over four hundred thousand had cast their votes for Socialism. November will tell us how much we have gained on that record. And then—WE SHALL GO ON WITH OUR WORK. We shall go on BUILDING UP THE LABOR UNIONS for the fight on the economic field, the fight to maintain rates of wages and to reduce the hours of labor. We shall go on BUILDING UP THE SOCIALIST PARTY for the fight on the political field, the fight to capture the powers of city and State and nation to help the unions in their struggle for the amelioration of the conditions of labor and to hasten the day when the working class shall rule and, by abolishing the capitalist class, put an end to class rule and class conflict and usher in the brotherhood of man as a fact, which has so long been an iridescent dream.

The workingman owes neither gratitude nor loyalty to his boss. The one who acts upon such false motives is very likely to fail in the duty of mutual aid he owes to his fellow workers.

The workingman who lets his boss know that he fears him is just the man the boss will bully and tyrannize over.

THE BITTER CRY OF THE PARENTS.

By L. D.

When the conservative and respectable interests betake themselves to combat some liberal law, they usually raise a cry about the hardships and sufferings it is going to cause to innocent parties. When a bill is introduced for government supervision of a financial or industrial institution, the corporation lawyer is sure to shed bitter tears in behalf of the innocent investors, mostly poor widows and orphans, who seem to own all the railways and banks in the country. When a child labor law is mildly suggested, the "individualistic" citizen rises in bitter protest against the cruelties of a law that is going to deprive countless widows and crippled fathers of their bread winners. And thus the cruelties and alleged absurdities of liberal legislation are pointed out by a willing press for the information of the American people, and the "demagogue" is held in check. Readers of The Call who have read carefully the Republican national platform will probably recall the paragraph dealing with the child labor law passed at the last session of Congress for the District of Columbia. It is needless to say that the measure has been rendered as mild as possible, and while the District of Columbia constitutes a very small part of the United States, its child labor law was considered of sufficient importance to be embodied in the platform of a great political party. But available issues are rather scarce this campaign, and the credit side of the Republican ledger has got to be filled somehow or other. Well, be it as it may, the District of Columbia rejoice in the possession of a child labor law, which some enthusiasts like our idealistic senator from Indiana considers quite a victory for the forces of reform, and believe that it may serve as a model for state child labor laws. Of course, it was a mere coincidence that Congress failed to appropriate money for the enforcement of the law, or perhaps it merely shows its sublime faith in the integrity of the Washington employers of labor. The law was put into effect a few weeks ago, and its enforcement is looked after by volunteer inspectors. The local press has naturally manifested considerable interest in the working of the law, and considerable "copy" has been turned out, describing the crowds of youngsters lined up to receive their badges of servitude from the Board of Education. But the novelty has worn off by this time, and we are beginning to see the matter in a more serious and business-like light and, regarded from this standpoint, the law assumes an entirely different aspect. Consider, for an instant, the following case, which is pathetic enough to bring tears to the eyes of your flint-hearted Socialist readers, and which is at present exploited with great gusto by the local papers. A sold and respectable business man, with several butcher stands in the different markets, is desirous of training his two boys in his trade and, realizing the intricacies of the sausage business, believes that the training cannot begin too early. Who would take exception to the desires of this ambitious parent? But here is where the cruel law steps in and says that he must not train his children to become respectable sausage-makers and useful citizens, because he cannot show that their labor is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the family. Imagine, gentlemen, a law preventing a father from bringing up his children in industry and sobriety! What does the poor father do? He indites a pathetic letter to the Honorable Commissioners, pleading for the "sacred right" of a parent to teach his children to make sausages before they are old enough to know better. The Honorable Commissioners, greatly affected by the plight of the unfortunate father, turn to the corporation counsel, who advises the father to make a "test" of the law. And here you are, you cruel Socialists, who are clamoring for national child labor laws. Have you thought of the numberless pork butchers in the country who might be inconvenienced by such laws? Has it ever occurred to you that the growing South needs the children in its cotton mills (built mostly by Northern capital)? Or are your demands for child labor laws as well founded as your demands for "dividing up" the accumulations of the honest and abstemious capitalists?

LABOR IN ALABAMA.

Duncan McDonald, member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers for Illinois, is in the strike region of Alabama and writes of the fearful oppression that exists in that State. McDonald says that the miners are compelled to live in hovels that would not be used as chicken coops in Illinois; that the men are compelled to dig 2,400 to 3,500 pounds of coal for a ton in defiance of State law, and that they must trade at truck stores owned by the companies, many of them having worked for years and are still in debt to the operators. And on top of this hellish condition the operators are seeking to enforce a 20-per cent. reduction of wages! McDonald concludes: "After what I have seen here I don't want anyone to come to me to talk Bryan and Democracy, as this solid Democratic South is more corruption-cursed and more corrupt even than the trust-owned Republican party. And if Gompers and his colleagues were to tout this district with us I think he would hang his head in shame for what he has said in defense of the Democratic party. "If I get out of here with my head whole I intend to tell something of what I have seen here."

A GEORGIA FISHING SONG.

Down by de river
De win' blow free,
Big alligator
Want ter swaller me!
Oh, Mister Gator,
Kin you climb dis tree?
You ain't eat none sence mawnin'!
—Atlanta Constitution.

PSALMS OF SAMUEL.

"Sam's an ass, but you'd like him."
—Lord D. Carey.
Between Two Stools.
The Elephant sat on poor Sammy.
The Donk was holdoffish and clammy.
But rewarded, Sam's suit
With a small, citrous fruit—
The game was a trifle flim flammy.
—Camarado.

DEGRADING LABOR.

It was not enough that the newspapers and politicians all over the country have been shooting shafts of sarcasm at organized labor because of the servile act of the Steam Shovelers' Union in handing Taft a union membership card, but now comes the Lincoln Typographical Union, an organization whose members ought to know better, and peddles honorary cards to Bryan and Governor Sheldon, a Republican. So far as we know none of these gentlemen—neither Taft, Bryan or Sheldon—ever worked at a trade and are, therefore, ineligible to join a labor organization. Under those circumstances, and the further fact that these gentlemen are successful politicians, the union card peddlers not only lower the dignity of labor in the eyes of onlookers, but they are guilty of the most despicable belly-crawling act imaginable. No wonder that capitalists and politicians are constantly displaying more contempt for labor when they have such examples of hysterical mendacity thrust before them. The dignity of labor, indeed! The next thing we know some unchained gang of fools masquerading as a union will hand "Uncle Joe" Cannon a card. Then there is Andy Carnegie and Frick and a few other kind masters that the cheap-skate card peddlers should not overlook.—Cleveland Citizen.

THE VAIN JACKDAW.

By ROBERT HUNTER.

Benjamin E. Chapin, editor of The Railroad Employee, writes Mr. Taft to assure him of his loyal support. He opines that the intelligent workman merely WANTS to meet capital on a plane of equality. So the words of Mr. Taft, "the heart-throbs" in his noble utterances upon labor and capital, lead the genial labor editor to believe that Mr. Taft intends to place labor on an equal footing with capital? Certainly Mr. Taft has done his best to get on SOME footing with labor. He did not think much about labor until he became a candidate for the Presidency. But now he thinks about labor, and I believe he has recently joined the Coal or the Snow Shovelers' Union, I cannot remember which. That is all right for Mr. Taft. It is not difficult for him to get on an equal footing with labor. But how is Mr. Chapin to place himself in a position of equality with Mr. Taft? Neither the Republican platform nor Mr. Taft's speech of acceptance says anything about economic, political, or social equality. Neither the Republican party nor Mr. Taft intends that labor shall be in a position of equality with capital. They do not believe in any such nonsense, and they make no great effort to veil their belief. Perhaps Mr. Chapin means that HE wants to meet capital on a plane of equality, and that HE can very likely do—until after election. Labor leaders are very useful persons now to politicians. It is the season of the year when they are in demand. But after election they will be a drug in the market. Mr. Chapin reminds me of an old fable, written five hundred years before Christ by a slave named Aesop. A certain Jackdaw was so proud and ambitious that, not contented to live within his own sphere, but picking up the feathers which fell from the Peacocks, he stuck them in among his own, and very confidently introduced himself into an assembly of beautiful birds. They soon found him out (I assume the day after election), stripped him of his borrowed plumes and, falling upon him with their sharp bills, punished him as his presumption deserved. Upon this, full of grief and affliction, he returned to his old companions, and would have flocked with them again; but they, knowing his late life and conversation, industriously avoided him and refused to admit him into their company.

IN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE.

By HORACE S. REIS.
Independence Hall, Philadelphia! What patriotic emotions are awakened at the mention of this historic place! What noble memories of proud ancestors hurling defiance into the teeth of a tyrant king, and entering into the struggle of the Revolution! What admiration for those who, over a century ago, fought and bled for their conception of freedom! These thoughts came to me one sultry night, a week ago, as I passed Independence Hall and walked through the square. Looking up at the tower where had hung the old bell, I was reminded of the past battle for liberty. Battle! It needed no stretch of imagination to recall those battles, as I looked about me. Stretched out at full length, thickly dotting the lawns, were the forms of the fighters in the modern battle, the fallen in the battle for bread. Out-of-works, "hoboes," driven from their ten-cent beds in the vermin-infested lodging-houses, seeking to escape the heat, and snatching a night's fitful rest in the square. In Independence Square, under the shadow of the tower where the old bell had rung out to "proclaim liberty throughout the land, to all the inhabitants thereof"—there they lay, the victims of a vicious social order. And their liberty? Gone. No liberties left them but to seek work or starve. No chance, no hope, no opportunity, no independence. Has the gallant struggle of their forefathers been in vain? Capitalism has but one god, and his name is profit. In the worship of their god the upholders of capitalism reck not of the lives and liberties of their fellow-men. They need the workers for profit, they employ the workers for profit, and when their insane system of production has wrecked itself, they discharge the workers, for profit. They control the powers of government, subsidize the courts, bribe legislators and executives, for profit. Every move of the capitalist class is made with an eye to profit. And here is its result! On every public square, in every city of the land, thousands of victims of profit are making their beds on the grass; thousands are wanderers, vainly seeking employment. Thousands of homes are destroyed, husbands and wives, parents and children, separated. For the profit of a few. How long will it be till the spark of manhood, that glows in the breast of even the most degraded being, will flame up into a roaring fire, till the slaves of capitalism arouse themselves and throw off the yoke of profit? How long will it be till the old bell again rings out liberty, real liberty, industrial liberty?

SARATOGA IN 1907 AND 1908.

By ALEXANDER IRVINE.

I went to Saratoga Springs last summer when the racing season was at its height, to study the psychology of the crowd—the gambling crowd. Saratoga was gay then and money flowed like water. Her beautiful Broadway was a blaze of finery by day and illuminated as for the triumphal entry of a king by night. There was an abandonment in the betting ring that resembled that other ring called the Stock Exchange. A crowd of 2,000 men, jauntily dressed, thronged the enclosure around the grandstand. Hundreds of ladies with sparkling diamonds and Paris fashions played the ponies and went into hysterics every time they came up the home stretch. Judges, Senators, priests, and politicians were there and playing high "Society," or a part of it, played by proxy. But it was a phase of "frenzied finance" from the "deal line" in the field to the stalls or boxes of the club house. This colossal gambling scheme on all the Eastern tracks is managed by the Pinkertons. This year at Saratoga is different. There is a chance for a Socialist to observe how devotedly the patriotic Democrats and Republicans are wedded to "the majesty of the law." Book making is a crime this year. The lawmakers have been dealing in the "dear moralities" and Saratoga wants to be let alone! Last year the bookie stood beside their tin boxes handing out or taking in steams of greenbacks. The winners formed lines—single file, bread-line-like—and took their turns. This year the bookie stands with his hands in his pockets and makes his wagers with the bat of an eye, the wave of a hand, or a nod of the head. Each bookie has a crew of touts or runners, and when the customer gets the odds and names his sum the tout retreats and records the affair on the inside of a cigarette box, a white cuff, or a racing program. Imagine a score of the "old guard" of the bookmaking fraternity standing there and around them two thousand well dressed patriotic gamblers doing business without a dollar! Of course one has to be known to do business. Half the big crowd wears a button—and on the button the Statue of Liberty and around the Goddess these words—"Personal Liberty League." To the beautiful town of Saratoga

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of The Call.
In yesterday's issue of the "Record" appeared the following: "We heard a man the other day kicking for a chance to work. That is a false alarm. No man who wants work these days needs to be without employment ten hours. There is all kinds of work in this country and good wages can be secured by good men." And the very next paragraph in the same column said: "Times are hard, to be sure, but what is the use of climbing upon a drygoods box and day after day proclaiming to the world this old threadbare, stereotyped assertion. We sometimes think times ought to be still more stringent with some of these fellows. Did it ever occur to you that the genuine hustler rarely if ever complains of hard times?" That is the kind of a sheet the fool workman supports instead of supporting one that is devoted to the interests of his class and that will tell the truth at all times. In the very same column of that very same issue, speaking of criticism as a medicine, it said, "The Record is run on the theory that criticism is a good thing if wisely directed and properly administered. It corrects errors, cultivates taste, and conducts the world in the right paths to the attainment of the most substantial good to the greatest number." The black-face words are mine, but the cream (or scum) belongs to the "Record." Just imagine a thing calling itself a newspaper printing such contradictory slush as the above for what it is pleased to call its "intelligent readers." Just imagine the brilliant genius, the gigantic intellect, the Solomonian wisdom that went to pen those paragraphs. Just take a moment and try to realize the massive brains whose owners are making such tremendous sacrifices to "correct errors," and how the ordinary workman must enjoy that "taste" that it cultivates. They don't even have respect enough for the average intelligence of the readers to place such contradictory trash in different parts of the paper where a reader might possibly skip one or the other. This is the sheet that lets no opportunity slip to hammer Socialism, and it isn't at all particular what language it uses, nor what authority it has for its statements. It will take the smallest mole hill that you ever saw and make a good sized mountain out of it. It will take any old kind of a suggestion and twist it into the most garbled, mutilated mess that



A NEW VERSION OF SALOME

H. B. SALISBURY, New York, August 19.