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Col. Heisland, with a whole string of titles and an official record behind him, in making a speech on the desirability of Chinese labor in America, says, "We have less to fear from China, with or without exclusion laws than from irresponsible and unprincipled agitators among us who endeavor to divide the American people into classes." Union men, how do you like that? Work in your class, but don't talk of your class. If you ever try to better your condition you are "unprincipled." But all the epithets hurled at labor throwing off its yoke, in history, by all the butchers employed by the capitalist class, have never stopped the tugging of the work slave against his bonds.

The "Buckeye Socialist" is publishing a pictorial color and magazine section that puts it right in the swim with the best capitalist attractions.

A Suppressed Magazine.

The October "Cosmopolitan" has been the occasion of much amusement in socialist circles, and great confusion in the publishing house. It seems that when it was first issued on the book-stalls it contained an article on "Our Millionaire Socialists," by Gustavus Meyers. Then an order was issued that all copies must be at once returned. When the second issue appeared, the article on Millionaire Socialists was omitted. The suppression must have cost a vast sum of money, and some newsdealer failed to make the change. The copies still extant have reached fabulous prices, and the article itself is reprinted with the "Cosmopolitan" editor's note in the "Social-Democratic Herald."

"Let us read this important story carefully, and learn how men of great wealth come to embrace socialism," wrote the editor of the "Cosmopolitan." But, apparently, the proprietors of the magazine and the old party managers thought the story too dangerously attractive, and insisted on replacing it by a harmless love story.

Mexican Strikers Brutally Shot

The leaders in the strike in the Arizona district of Mexico have been shot to death. Just how many were executed is not known, but seven of the leaders, among whom were Rafaela Marenco, vice president, and Manuel Juarez, secretary of the union, were shot before hundreds of witnesses. The tragedy occurred at early morning as the thousands of half-starved strikers were returning to work. The dazed workmen saw their comrades brought out and shot down before their eyes. One working man who shouted an imprecation at the terrible scene was immediately fired on and killed by a squad of soldiers. Thus brutally are the efforts for justice crushed where labor is weak and helpless. Working men, how soon will the capitalist powers have reduced it to such impotence here in the United States? Already your leaders are in jail, shamefully detained, with their lives in the balance. When will labor arise and know its destiny? They butcher you like hogs they despise you and crush their iron heel into your throats. You must toil and toil to make their luxuries. When labor unites it shall have its own. Till then the cell, the gibbet, firing squad, blood hounds, the lash. All this that the masters shall live in voluptuous ease.

The first socialist local in Newfoundland was organized a few weeks ago at St. Johns. Geo. F. Grimes, 93 Gower street, is the secretary, and he extends an invitation to comrades in, or visiting, Newfoundland to visit the new local. Any literature that comrades may wish to contribute will be thankfully received and put to good use by Comrade Grimes.

Suffragettes

A dispatch from the London Standard to the Brooklyn Eagle says of the "suffragettes": "It is astonishing to find how much sympathy prevails for the eleven women leaders now in prison." Among those who have lately expressed their sympathy strongly are Beatrice Harraden, author of "Ships That Pass in the Night," and Miss Elizabeth Robins, the American writer. Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton, wife of the ex-Colonial Secretary, says "Either a woman is fit to take her share in the solution of the problem of government, or she is unfit to take charge of the training of her sons." Mrs. Lyttleton adds that the attitude of some men is like the entry in the Eton boy's diary, "Got up, had breakfast, talked to mother about things she could not understand."

The membership of the National Committee is therefore increased from 58 last year, to 65 for the ensuing year.

CALIFORNIA TO NAT. OFFICE

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I suggest that, as National Secretary, you write to Secretary Strauss at Washington, D. C., and protest against this attempt to exclude socialists by stretching the Anti-Anarchist law to make it apply to them as has been done in this case.

Hoping that you will see your way to evoke an effective protest in this matter.

Brother Ames, Seventh Vice-President of the I. A. of M., arrived in San Bernardino Saturday evening from the east. A special meeting was called Monday afternoon, which was well attended. Brother Ames gave a very interesting talk about his trip west and the conditions on the power on the Santa Fe, which shows conclusively that the machinists cannot lose this strike. His talk encouraged the boys wonderfully.

Seab Foreman C. Johnstone of the rod bench got fired. He said he resigned. He had the idea that he was the superintendent.

While the seabs were making a bluff at washing up the other evening the bonus system came up for some hard floocks. One seab said that he had worked like a slave all month and would make a few dollars and the lazy foreman that did nothing would get about \$40. He said they get it all and let any kind of work go so long as they get the bonus.

The seabs are getting frightened and are talking of leaving in bunches on the 15th. They have all kinds of rumors in the shops in regard to a settlement. They claim the settlement will come on the 25th of the month, and it looks as though it would. It is almost here.

Todd, master mechanic of the seabs, has all of them busy cleaning up for the benefit of the high officials. They have hid all the dead engines away except the fifteen that are in the shop and nine that are on the dead track. He will probably hide some of these. We know he is going to work the same old game that he did twice before when they came out this way. He paints and varnishes all the dead engines and says that they are all in good condition and ready for service. He did it before and then stripped them the next day. He has started to paint them already. The 483 is getting work done on her when she is not ready for the painters, but what difference does that make, a coat of paint is about all the repairs they get anyway. We would advise Ripley and the directors to examine these painted engines, as they are all to pieces and they cannot help but notice the true situation. Todd may fool the business men here for a while, but it looks now as if it will be all off with him this time. So don't paint the broken down dead engines.

Emil Hauth, editor of "Volksrecht", is expelled from the Canton of Zurich, and his leaving gave occasion to a powerful demonstration of organized labor. With 15 against 30 socialist votes, the cantonal council has ratified the measures of government against the strike of last summer, and has allowed the credits for mobilization of troops against organized labor.

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Strike Bulletin on Santa Fe.

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Today's No. 7 one hour 45 minutes late.

San Diego local one hour 30 minutes late.

No. 3 reported seven hours late.

Engines 1636 was hauled in dead.

Engine 975 slipped her tires on the hill.

The directors of the A. T. & S. F. railroad have issued a call for a special meeting of the stockholders to be held at Topeka, Kansas, on January 30, to vote on a proposition to increase the capital stock of the company. It is reported that the plan is to issue twenty-five million dollars in convertible bonds or a like amount of common stock.

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Rally around the swag, boys—a fitting refrain for our politicians.

Grist Grinds Amalgamated Company Has It All Own Way—Harmony Reigns

The mills of the capitalist gods are grinding smoothly. We are told that peace will come when the lion and the lamb lie down together. But they never do lie down together, except with the lamb inside of the lion. The Amalgamated lion has swallowed the political lamb, and there is nothing to fight in Montana any more. The working class were formerly brought up as the reserves in the warring factions of the capitalists. Betrayed now out of even the name or semblance of a party, they are quiet—waiting—waiting. So the capitalists have it all their own way, and they call that way the republican party.

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The republican assembly of Montana has given a striking illustration of the "spoils" system in its appointment of a postmaster for this session. Sam Hurvitch of Gilt Edge, Fergus county, is the man that got the plum. Hurvitch used to be postmaster at Gilt Edge. But he got funny, and went to monkeying with socialists' mail, and in that community of socialists and miners of the Western Federation they didn't do a thing to him but report the case at Washington, and he was relieved of his position unceremoniously. But Sam knew that his only chance to change his diet from pork and beans to pie was to keep close to the skirts of the G. O. P. So last fall he tagged all over Fergus county trying to get Rae, superintendent of the mine at Gilt Edge, elected state senator. He went with Rae when he took his roll to Kendall, and openly tried to get votes with the money, he tagged him on wild night rides back to Lewistown, he hung on to him as a saint hangs on to his hope of heaven, and finally he is rewarded by a two months' job at the capital. A man that the national government will not have to do its work is picked up by the republican legislators of Montana and put on a fat pay roll. But where legislation is to sustain the capitalist class it is "you scratch me and I'll scratch you." The capitalists have got to get in to protect their interests, and anyone who will help them do that will get his reward, independent of his fitness for service to the people who pay him. Working men, where do you come in on a deal like this? But so long as the working class vote for their exploiters to run things they can hope for nothing else.

New Zealand Stories

There is just one trouble with the nice stories about the working man's success in New Zealand—they are not true. "Friends" of labor have been doing some spectacular work over there mostly on paper. The New Zealand movement is at present the labor of capitalist philanthropists—it is not something developed by the workers themselves. It looks nice and sounds nice, but when the worker tries to use it it fades away into nothing—the capitalist instinct invariably reasserts itself. Nothing hurts like deception. Socialism is having to build in the same humble way in New Zealand that it does in all countries.—Socialist Voice.

Ohio at the present time has three accredited members of the National Committee. Under the present apportionment Ohio is entitled to but two. This subject has been referred to the State committee to determine which members shall serve.

offices; also on jury matters to help out the pensioners and professional court hangers that make our jury system a farce.

E. D. Weed of Helena is upon the judiciary committee of the house. This man has been disbarred for unprofessional conduct—in other words, low and dishonest grafting. And yet the republican capitalist lawmakers of Montana do not scruple to place him in a position where the most important department of government is concerned, in its last resort over the destinies of the working class.

In Pittsburg two young men, miners, were sentenced to two years imprisonment for alleged dynamiting a house, during the strike at the Pittsburg Pate Glass company at Cheswick. The boys claimed in court that the crime had been suggested to them by a man who afterwards proved to be a detective and who went with them to get the dynamite. The judge delivered a terrific scolding to private detectives who encourage crime instead of preventing it. These private thugs are said to be swarming in the great industries and they resort to every scheme, no matter how disreputable, to make a showing for the graft they receive.

The Baptist Ministers' Association of Chicago invited A. M. Simons to address them on Dec. 3. At the close of the address he was tendered a vote of thanks by the assembled clergymen, who spoke of him as a fine Christian gentleman.

Rally around the swag, boys—a fitting refrain for our politicians.

Grist Grinds Amalgamated Company Has It All Own Way—Harmony Reigns

The mills of the capitalist gods are grinding smoothly. We are told that peace will come when the lion and the lamb lie down together. But they never do lie down together, except with the lamb inside of the lion. The Amalgamated lion has swallowed the political lamb, and there is nothing to fight in Montana any more. The working class were formerly brought up as the reserves in the warring factions of the capitalists. Betrayed now out of even the name or semblance of a party, they are quiet—waiting—waiting. So the capitalists have it all their own way, and they call that way the republican party.

Smooth the rough places. Now since it does not have to throw its energy into a contest for control it can devote a little time to making itself nice with the people. So Montana is cleaning itself up in things legislative, is conducting itself with virtue and decorum, and even a spirit of economy. A page was doctored 50 cents for being late. A young and pretty girl came over from Butte to get a place as clerk. In making her request for the place, she reiterated that she was "willing to submit to anything" if she could only get the situation. The "most patient, grave and reverend senior" to whom she was making her application wanted to know what led her to make such a concession as that in her request for work. She replied that she had been told she could not get a place except upon such a condition. Whereupon the eminently respectable Solon told her that her fears were entirely groundless and her misinformation great, that no such qualifications would secure anyone a job in his legislature. When it is remembered how young girl clerks used to get off the car rolling drunk at the capital, the public is at least relieved as to the manipulation of capitalistic resources.

The Caucus. An interesting milestone in the progress of the republican government is the evolution of the caucus. The

real scene of action has been transferred from the legislative halls to whatever old place the caucus is held in. The real work of the forces that are to form the state is done in the caucus. Consequently the capital halls present issues of the utmost decorum and harmony. Dixon was elected senator in the caucus. The little ratification affair afterwards was merely an incident. Standard Oil has selected Dixon for its clerk. They know beforehand that they can depend on him. Mantle was always a little uncertain. It was a matter that is at least interesting for the working men of Montana that union men from the revolutionary I. W. W. and the conservative A. F. of L., with union cards in their pockets voted together for Dixon for senator, a man who voted against the eight-hour law on the Panama canal, in favor of government by injunction, and whose labor record in congress is so besmirched that even the callous Gompers has put him on the official blacklist of labor. On the heads of such traitors to labor as these be the calamities of the working class.

Courts the Final Resort. Scallon is the chairman of the house committee on the judiciary. Scallon is the representative of the Amalgamated in Montana. It is the courts that give the final clench to the fate of the working class, as has been diabolically evident in the Colorado cases, and that hideous crime against labor, the Moyer-Haywood conspiracy. The capitalist class never overlooks this, that they must have the courts solid. So this most important part is given to the most important man in the state.

Labor Committee. The labor committee in the house is composed of Ross of Missoula, Corby of Silver Bow, Harbord of Cascade, Hess of Silver Bow, Kirwan of Cascade, Blewett of Carbon, Miller of Park, Patten of Valley, and Warren of Jefferson. It is to be seen how the capitalist ruling class will conduct itself toward labor through its committee.

Rescue Mission

Lighthouse rescue mission ladies and gentlemen spent their Christmas in storming the "homes" of fallen women. The poor victims were once more reminded of their sinful life and of their childhood days. Some of them broke out in tears when reminded of their parents and beloved brothers and sisters. And the "Rescue" ladies and gentlemen begged them to reform. We admire the work of the Lighthouse Rescue soldiers, but at the same time we wish to say that a hundred times better results would be achieved if the same ladies and gentlemen would start a movement of rescuing the hundreds of little girls who work for \$2 and \$3 a week ten hours and more a day at such prominent business places as the Barr Dry Goods Co. It is there, in those capitalist child-labor mills, where starvation wages become the very foundation for the future immorality. And who are the victims? The children of the working class.—Labor.

Distress in the Colonies.

The "Socialist," the organ of the Australian socialist party, gives a graphic account of the terrible distress that exists in Melbourne. In that city alone, 5,000 working men are registered as being out of work. In several of the larger cities conditions are equally as bad. Taking this together with the reports that come from South Africa and Canada—especially Winnipeg—one can but come to the conclusion that the condition of things is better even here in England than in those far colonies to which the Rev. W. Carlile and General Booth desire to deport the best brain and blood and sinew of our people. At any rate, the conditions here are not any worse; while there is much more wealth here; wealth which the workers themselves have made. Let them stay here, then, and assert their claim to their birthright, and not be gulled into leaving it for their exploiters, and transporting themselves to lands of poverty and slavery thousands of miles away.—Justice.

Fear Agitators

Col. Heisland, with a whole string of titles and an official record behind him, in making a speech on the desirability of Chinese labor in America, says, "We have less to fear from China, with or without exclusion laws than from irresponsible and unprincipled agitators among us who endeavor to divide the American people into classes." Union men, how do you like that? Work in your class, but don't talk of your class. If you ever try to better your condition you are "unprincipled." But all the epithets hurled at labor throwing off its yoke, in history, by all the butchers employed by the capitalist class, have never stopped the tugging of the work slave against his bonds.

The "Buckeye Socialist" is publishing a pictorial color and magazine section that puts it right in the swim with the best capitalist attractions.

A Suppressed Magazine.

The October "Cosmopolitan" has been the occasion of much amusement in socialist circles, and great confusion in the publishing house. It seems that when it was first issued on the book-stalls it contained an article on "Our Millionaire Socialists," by Gustavus Meyers. Then an order was issued that all copies must be at once returned. When the second issue appeared, the article on Millionaire Socialists was omitted. The suppression must have cost a vast sum of money, and some newsdealer failed to make the change. The copies still extant have reached fabulous prices, and the article itself is reprinted with the "Cosmopolitan" editor's note in the "Social-Democratic Herald." "Let us read this important story carefully, and learn how men of great wealth come to embrace socialism," wrote the editor of the "Cosmopolitan." But, apparently, the proprietors of the magazine and the old party managers thought the story too dangerously attractive, and insisted on replacing it by a harmless love story.

Mexican Strikers Brutally Shot

The leaders in the strike in the Arizona district of Mexico have been shot to death. Just how many were executed is not known, but seven of the leaders, among whom were Rafaela Marenco, vice president, and Manuel Juarez, secretary of the union, were shot before hundreds of witnesses. The tragedy occurred at early morning as the thousands of half-starved strikers were returning to work. The dazed workmen saw their comrades brought out and shot down before their eyes. One working man who shouted an imprecation at the terrible scene was immediately fired on and killed by a squad of soldiers. Thus brutally are the efforts for justice crushed where labor is weak and helpless. Working men, how soon will the capitalist powers have reduced it to such impotence here in the United States? Already your leaders are in jail, shamefully detained, with their lives in the balance. When will labor arise and know its destiny? They butcher you like hogs they despise you and crush their iron heel into your throats. You must toil and toil to make their luxuries. When labor unites it shall have its own. Till then the cell, the gibbet, firing squad, blood hounds, the lash. All this that the masters shall live in voluptuous ease.

The first socialist local in Newfoundland was organized a few weeks ago at St. Johns. Geo. F. Grimes, 93 Gower street, is the secretary, and he extends an invitation to comrades in, or visiting, Newfoundland to visit the new local. Any literature that comrades may wish to contribute will be thankfully received and put to good use by Comrade Grimes.

Suffragettes

A dispatch from the London Standard to the Brooklyn Eagle says of the "suffragettes": "It is astonishing to find how much sympathy prevails for the eleven women leaders now in prison." Among those who have lately expressed their sympathy strongly are Beatrice Harraden, author of "Ships That Pass in the Night," and Miss Elizabeth Robins, the American writer. Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton, wife of the ex-Colonial Secretary, says "Either a woman is fit to take her share in the solution of the problem of government, or she is unfit to take charge of the training of her sons." Mrs. Lyttleton adds that the attitude of some men is like the entry in the Eton boy's diary, "Got up, had breakfast, talked to mother about things she could not understand."

The membership of the National Committee is therefore increased from 58 last year, to 65 for the ensuing year.

CALIFORNIA TO NAT. OFFICE

Enclosed I am sending you a page of the Oakland Herald containing detailed information regarding the Petrovsky case.

The refusal of the Board of Emigration to allow Col. Petrovsky to land in this country is the most flagrant outrage yet committed against a political refugee from the Czar's dominion.

I have had a personal interview with Comrade Petrovsky and can assure you that his political ideas are not anarchistic. He is an International So-

cialist, and it is because he is a socialist that he is denied a landing, and the party should take steps to officially protest against the ruling of the Local Board of Emigration for its ruling in this case.

I suggest that, as National Secretary, you write to Secretary Strauss at Washington, D. C., and protest against this attempt to exclude socialists by stretching the Anti-Anarchist law to make it apply to them as has been done in this case.

Hoping that you will see your way to evoke an effective protest in this matter.

Brother Ames, Seventh Vice-President of the I. A. of M., arrived in San Bernardino Saturday evening from the east. A special meeting was called Monday afternoon, which was well attended. Brother Ames gave a very interesting talk about his trip west and the conditions on the power on the Santa Fe, which shows conclusively that the machinists cannot lose this strike. His talk encouraged the boys wonderfully.

Emil Hauth, editor of "Volksrecht", is expelled from the Canton of Zurich, and his leaving gave occasion to a powerful demonstration of organized labor. With 15 against 30 socialist votes, the cantonal council has ratified the measures of government against the strike of last summer, and has allowed the credits for mobilization of troops against organized labor.

Strike Bulletin on Santa Fe.

San Bernardino, Dec. 30.—Yesterday's No. 3 was twelve hours late. Today's No. 7 one hour 45 minutes late. San Diego local one hour 30 minutes late. No. 3 reported seven hours late. Engines 1636 was hauled in dead. Engine 975 slipped her tires on the hill. The directors of the A. T. & S. F. railroad have issued a call for a special meeting of the stockholders to be held at Topeka, Kansas, on January 30, to vote on a proposition to increase the capital stock of the company. It is reported that the plan is to issue twenty-five million dollars in convertible bonds or a like amount of common stock.

Illinois paid dues on the most members in 1906; then came New York and Pennsylvania; all these paying over \$1,000; next came California, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Jersey.