

THE WORKER.

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As The Worker goes to press on Wednesday, correspondents sending news should mail their communications in time to reach this office by Monday, whenever possible.

THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party has passed thru its third general election. Its growing power is indicated by the increase of its vote:



RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PANIC.

The "Wall Street Journal" adopts a convenient method for fixing responsibility for the panic. It questions the President, Rockefeller, the Promoter, the Labor Leader, Graft and the Politician as to the cause of the panic and all, of course, are quoted as answering "Not I".

If in the face of that power and responsibility industry comes to a standstill and workers are turned adrift to beg or starve, then the capitalist class is convicted of incapacity and is unworthy of the responsibility they have.

THE WOES OF THE RICH.

The New York "Evening Post" in reply to President Gompers' statement that organized workmen should resist wage reductions asks: "Who but a monopolist would venture, at such a juncture as this, to say to the American people that, whatever their hardships, and however much their income might be reduced, he would not consent to share at all in the common privations."

It will be news to the thousands working short time and the many thousands more with no work at all to be informed that the panic means "common privations" for all. We can imagine the suffering the capitalists, bankers and rich stockholders must endure while the normal returns on their investments are reduced.

MRS. COBDEN-SANDERSON'S LECTURE.

We would call especial attention to the announcement in another column of the lecture on "Socialism and Women" to be given in the New York Labor Temple on Friday evening, Dec. 27, by Mrs. Annie Cobden-Sanderson, the well-known English Socialist and woman-suffrage advocate.

The fact that the whole proceeds from this lecture will go to the Sustaining Fund of The Worker—Comrade Cobden-Sanderson giving her services gratis and the Workingmen's Educational Association donating the use of the hall—is, of course, one reason for our feeling a keen interest in its success.

the principal one. We feel that the Socialist movement in this country has not as yet given the full measure of hearty support which it ought to give to the movement for the emancipation of the female half of humanity from the many disadvantages to which they are subjected by legal discrimination, antiquated tradition and prejudice, and economic conditions.

We should be well pleased if the demand for tickets should outrun the seating capacity of the hall. In that case arrangements would undoubtedly be made for another lecture on the same lines to satisfy those who could not get tickets this time.

A. F. OF L. OUGHT TO SPEAK.

We do not give full credence to the report that "a committee of the American Federation of Labor" called on General Funston at Goldfield and told him that for months they had lived in fear of personal violence from the Western Federation of Miners.

The fact remains, however, that this report has gone over the wires and been published in the daily press, and that many will believe it. We therefore emphatically renew our suggestion of last week that President Gompers and the other officers of the American Federation of Labor take up this Goldfield matter without delay and give proof of the solidarity of the working class, whether organized in the one federation or the other.

We ask Mr. Gompers to assure us—what we already suspect, but what most people do not know—that this story about the "revelations" given to Funston by "a committee of the American Federation of Labor" is a fake inspired by the enemies of labor.

"PEACE IN GOLDFIELD".

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appear dangerous and their adherents will be regarded as fomenters of treason and sedition.

But One Disquieting Feature.

There is but one disquieting feature of the situation among the workers of Goldfield and that is perhaps the distortion of some newspaper correspondence. It is stated that a committee of the American Federation of Labor called on General Funston and made a statement which called forth the following comment from Funston:

"These men made the most remarkable statement I have yet heard. Their statement is that for months they have lived in constant fear. They have felt it necessary for their protection to be armed at all times and have been compelled to avoid personal contact with members of the Western Federation of Miners in order to prevent serious trouble."

WHAT SHALL I SAY?

By E. S. Egerton. My Master, tho I am your slave, your unwilling slave, you have elected to make me a driver of brother slaves, and I must do your bidding.

HOW TO ROB A MAN WHO IS BROKE.

By Ben Hanford. BONGNE TERRE, Mo., Dec. 13.—Two hundred employees of the St. Joseph Lead Co. and the Doe Run Lead Co., which have plants in Bonne Terre, Flat River, Central City, Leadwood, Gumbo, and Doe Run, were dismissed to-day on telegraphic orders received from President Jones in New York.

How to rob a man who is broke. There stand face to face what legal fiction calls two free men. One free man the OWNER of means of production, with money in his purse and money in the bank, with a comfortable and luxurious home, and in no hurry.

How to rob a man who is broke. A man who is broke in time becomes hungry, and must eat or perish. He possibly has five courses open to him—he can beg, borrow, steal, work or starve.

How to rob a man who is broke. There is just one door of hope that may or may not be open to the man who is broke—work. There is nothing bad about work. It's the very thing, not only for the man who is broke, but for every man who would eat.

THE BUSINESS ETHIC OF CHRISTMAS.

By Franklin H. Wentworth. The Jordan Marsh Company announces special Christmas bargains in silks, laces and women'sinery—Boston Herald. In every great magazine; in every village newspaper; in every cross-roads weekly, thruout that part of the world popularly known as "Christendom"—meaning the territory devoted to Christian ethics and Christian conduct—may be found during December days the counterpart of this advertisement of the Jordan Marsh Company.

TO ALL THOSE WHO SEE THIS PAPER FOR THE FIRST TIME

This special issue of The Worker will go into the hands of many thousands of persons who have never seen the paper before nor, perhaps, even heard of its existence. It will not be out of place for us to address a few words directly to them concerning The Worker, its ownership, the conditions under which it is published, and the purpose for which it exists.

Subscription form for THE WORKER. Includes fields for Name, Address, City, and a section for subscription rates: One Year 50 Cents, 6 Months 25 Cents.

DEMANDS ARE REFUSED. Sixty-five Railway Companies Agree to Deny Request for Advance of Wages to Meet Higher Cost of Living. The demands of the various unions of railroad workers, which include, among other things, a 10 per cent increase of pay all around have, it is understood, been refused by the railroad companies affected, but the decision will not be officially announced until after Dec. 20.

CRUEL AND STUPID CAPITALIST PLAN.

First It Turns Workers Into Tramps—Then Punishes Them for Being Poor and, in So Doing, Makes More Tramps. PLAINFIELD, Conn., Dec. 11.—Not since the winter of 1893 have there been such hordes of tramps plodding the roads of Eastern Connecticut. They appear everywhere, no farm house being too remote for their visits, as the railroad detectives, who are waging a relentless war against them, have forced hundreds of them into the back highways and by-paths.

Can Trust Absorb Chief Rival. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—One of the largest deals arranged here since the fire was made yesterday when the papers were signed by which the American Can Co., the wealthy eastern concern, commonly known as the Can Trust, absorbed the United Can Co. of San Francisco, its largest rival on the Pacific Coast.

LECTURE For the Benefit of THE WORKER BY Mrs. Annie Cobden-Sanderson Treasurer of Independent Labor Party, London, England, and leader of "Suffragettes" in England. "SOCIALISM AND WOMEN" AT THE LABOR TEMPLE 243 E. Eighty-fourth Street, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1907 AT 8 P. M. ADMISSION 15 CENTS.

BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ. Merrie England. A Plain Exposition of Socialism. By Robert Blatchford. 10c; 12 copies for \$5c; 100, \$6. The Communist Manifesto. By Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. 10c; 25 copies for \$1.25; 100, \$5. Development of Socialism from Utopia to Science. By F. Engels. 5c; 25 copies for 75c; 100, \$2.

