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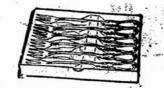
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The Neighbors' Celebration

FROM THE NORWEGIAN. OM the little house of the La-tours came the sound of merry tours came the sound of merry music that evening—music mingled with song and the noise of feet moving in time. At the back of the house, one was met by the fragrant odors from the kitchen. The good-for-nothing Pierre had come home again—Pierre, who had marched away, singing, to make his fortune and had returned, ragged and unshaved, but still singing. Why should not his family celebrate the happy event? Money is a good thing, to be sure, but it forms a very small part of life. They were glad to have Pierre home again, and did not waste much thought on the money which he had falled to bring. It was, in fact, clean forgotten. The only thing they regretted was that, as soon as he was rested, he wanted to go away again—over the prairie, farther west, where there were not so many to make their fortune.

Brother Jean, with the hig black

there were not so many to make their fortune.

Brother Jean, with the big black beard and the broad shoulders, had laid aside \$40 for the winter; but at Pierre's return he had thrown one-half that amount on the table, and would gladly have given more if he had only an excuse to do so. And Baptiste who, in season and out of season, shared his money with all needy individuals, today had only \$10 to put on top of the other bills. It was one-half of his savings.

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The cheerful, bustling mother gathered up all the money to pay the expenses of the celebration and bought new clothes for her long-lost boy. She knew that if she should need more, she had only to turn to her sons and they would be ready with the money; and when Pierre should be ready to start out again, all the brothers would be sure to smuggle something into his hand.

of finance during the absence of the family's name.

That evening he was sitting in the stuffy kitchen, grumbling over the music and laughter and dance at the neighbor's house.

"The lunatics!" he muttered. "Worthless spendthrifts. They keep the whole neighborhood hopping over, there in stead of working or going to bed."

"Yes, it is a perfect scandal," his wife agreed. "That big Jean gave \$2 the other day to our garden boy, because the brat was hungry and ragged. As if he wouldn't have to get used to living on the food he gets here! And his clothes are good enough for him. I should say. Then, last week, that snob Henri offered our stable boy \$3 a week more than we pay him. When I repulsed him he had the important of the pay had the important of the pay hours. Judge Colling himself said. \$3 a week more than we pay him. When I rebuked him, he had the impudence to look me straight in the eyes and say what we offered him was only common wages, and that he would gladly pay that much to all able-bedied men who can be seen than the straight of bodied men who could help to get his timber to the railway station. I am sure that they must owe you money

for groceries."
"No." the storekeeper answered, reluctantly, "they always pay cash. But after this celebration I guess they won't have money enough to pay for a bag of flour. They are ruining the county—the worthless, drunken, high and mighty fellows. What is that you say, Elise?" he added, turning abruptly to his niece.

and mighty fellows. What is that you say, Elise?" he added, turning abruptly to his niece.

The girl had been sitting listening to the merry sound of the violins. She was a pretty girl, with a bright, courageous face, contrasting strangely with the sour, suspicious countenances of the two old people. She had been there only three months, but it had already come to an open breach between them. Elise longed to draw aside the curtains in the front part of the house, and let the sun in. But her uncle had forbidden it. They could live in the kitchen, which was good enough for them.

There was a malicious expression in the eyes of the old man as he turned to her, but the girl was not abashed.

"What I was saying?" she repeated calmly, "is that it seems to me the Latours are much better than we are. And I never before heard any one call them crazy or spendthrifts or drunkards. I thought them hard-working, happy and generally loved in the neacond.

"Elise!" the old couple shouted with one accord.

"she continued, 'they must be than we. They have nicer and live better than we do; and their house is small, it is cozy. though their house is small, it is cozy. They use all the rooms, and don't let them go musty for lack of sun."
"Elise!" The aunt had risen, and was pointing to the attic stairs. "Go to your rooms at once." she hissed. "Tomorrow you will get nothing to att."

but her voice steady. Steps were heard outside.
Somebody was knocking at the door. She hastened to open it, and Henri Latour, tall, self-reliant and smilling, entered. He nodded to the storekeeper and his wife, and then turned to Elise. "Are you ready?"
"If you leave this house, you will never enter it again."
Henri looked inquiringly into Elise's eyes and read his answer. "We have a minister among our guests tonight," he said. "A marriage would add to the pleasure of the evening. I hope you and your wife will come to your niece's wedding." he continued; turning to the uncle. "We will make you comfortable. Come, Elise!"
He bowed, stood aside to let Elise pass out, followed her, and calmly closed the door behind them.

RECLAMATION LAW IS GOOD ENOUGH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-Secretary Hitchcock transmitted to the house today a report of the reclamation service, showing the work done and in progress towards reclaiming arid lands during "the season of 1903." The secretary says that so far as can be foreseen at present no further legislation is required, the present law having been found sufficient to accomplish its purpose.

WILL WITTE AGAIN CONTROL FINANCES?

This was the Latour family; such was the mother and such the sons. The storekeeper. who owned the house in which the Latours lived, with his wife and beautiful niece, had been asked to the celebration, but the man only sneered, as he always did, and for used the invitation, in his own and family's name.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.—Nothing has been officially given out confirmatory of the rumor that M. Witte will be immediately reinstated as minister of finance. Privy Councillor Ramanoff who is in charge of the department of finance during the absence of the acting minister. M. Pleske, was one of atory of the rumor that M. Witte will and shoes, chocolate, cocoa, and ex-be immediately reinstated as minister tracts, but that the rate should not be

a few hours. Judge Collins himself said that he certainly did not have his resignation rady yet. In the meantime friends of the various candidates for his successor are very busy.

DESPONDENT, HAMM KILLS HIMSELF

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.-Charles Hamm, aged 40, local agent of the Pillsbury Milling company, of Minneapolis, killed himself here today. He was despondent. A member of the Minneapois firm who arrived here today to investigate Hamm's books says his accounts are straight.

SAN DOMINGO PRE-PARES FOR ELECTION

SAN DOMINGO, Dec. 9 .- A decree of the provisional government was issued DEADLY SMALLPOX today providing for the election of electors to take place Jan. 16, prepar atory to a meeting of congress and the installation of a president of Santo Domingo, who will probably be chosen from the Mininez or Vasquez parties. The country is now quiet, and business is improving:

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Elise also arose; her face was pale, born St. Chicago, Ill.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 9.-Mistaken for a strike-breaker, as the police believe, John Osuchowski, a trunk maker has been shot and killed. The crime is attributed by the police

to union tickets of the striking tanners of the American Hide & Leather company, whose principal plant is located a block from the scene of the shooting. No witness of the shooting has yet been found.

The district has been turbulent since the tanners strike began, a month ago, One man was shot soon after the trouble began. Pickets have surrounded the plant at all hours and nonunion men have been escorted to and from their work under heavy guard. The police found in Osuchowshi's

pockets a certificate of a deposit for \$1,000, \$60 in money and a gold watch. The victim left eight children and a widow, who have practically nothing but the money mentioned above.

He was a member of the trunk and bag makers' union.

DENVER MEN WIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The interstate commerce commission has decided that the defendants in the case of George Kindel and the Denver chamber of commerce against the Atchison, Topeka & SantaFe road, et al, are justi-fled in maintaining lower rates from the Pacific coast to Missouri river ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.—Nothing points than to Denver on rice, hemp, has been officially given out confirmhigher on the other commodities in volved.

The commission also announced its

Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, today issued a call for the committee to meet at the Shoreham hotel in this city, Tuesday, Jan. 12, for the purpose of deciding upon the time and place of holding the Democratic national convention. The text of Chairman Jones' call is

as follows: There will be a meeting of the Democratic national committee at the Shoreham hotel, in Washington, Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1904, at 12 noon, to fix the time and place of holding the Democratic national convention for the nomination of candidates for president and vice president of the United States, and for such other business as may come before the com-

Chairman Jones has appointed Edmund Sefton as assistant secretary of

IN DELAWARE

DOVER, Del., Dec. 9.-Dr. Alex Lowper, secretary of the Delaware state board of health, after an official investigation of the smallpox situation at Woodland, makes the following state

The place comprises seventy houses. with in a radius of a mile. Up to date there have been 15 cases with six deaths. Of the remaining patients, two are in a critical condition and may die. The Disease is of a very malignant form. The place is under strict quarantine and all precautions have been adopted.

EARTHQUAKE FELT AT TACOMA, WASH

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 9.-Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt last night by people living at Enumciaw, at the base of Mount Ranier. The first shock lasted about fifteen seconds, the second less' than five. No damage is

MINISTER RESIGNS

BELGRADE, Servia, Dec. 9.—Fi-nance Minister Badovanovitch has re-signed and has been succeeded by Dr. Pasics. This is believed to foreshadow a change in the entire cabinet.

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OCTOPUS SENDS UP PRICE OF OIL

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 9.-The Standcompanies today advanced the quotation of Pennsylvania oil three cents, bringing the price up to \$1.90, the highest since May, 1895. Tiona, Corning and New Castle were advanced three cents, while the lower grades were put up one cent. The gradual decrease in production necessitating the drawing upon stocks, is said to be responsible for the advance.

DRILL TAPS BIG UNDERGROUND LAKE

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 9 .- In sinkng an artesian well on a ranch six miles west of Cheyenne, the drill, at a depth of 265 feet, penetrated a lake or stream, and a column of water six nches in diameter spouted out to a neight of forty feet. Soundings failed o find bottom. The flow is so great that it is estimated to be more than ample to supply the needs of the city

PARTIAL VICTORY WILL BRING PRISON-ERS TO AMERICA

> WASHINGTON Dec. 9 .- A cablegram from Ambassador Choate at London, to the state department, says that two Croatian prisoners who were sur-rendered under extradition warrants for the murder of Paymaster Ferguson in Western Pennsylvania, have been delivered to the chief of police of Pittsburg, and that the party sailed for the United States today.

BRIDEGOOM A WEEK: SMALLPOX KILLS HIM

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.-Stricken with smallpox on Thursday last, just one week after his marriage and while on his honeymoon, Frank Thistle of Orange, N. J., is dead at the municipal hospital. The wedding took place in New York and when the couple arrived here on their tour the groom was stricken. He was a grandson of the late millionaire merchant, H. O'Neil of New York.

ANOTHER ARREST IN SMUGGLING CASE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9 .- Federal officers tonight arrested Richard Hardison, thirty-two years of age, who, it is alleged, was connected with the gang of smugglers whose operations were brought to light by the drowning of four Chinamen last Friday. Hardison is a fisherman.

Twelve arrests have been made in the Chinese smuggling case thus far.

SQUIRES AT HAVANA

HAVANA, Dec. 9.-United States Minister Squires arrived here today from United States on a flying trip when half through with his vacation. Mr. Squires declined to disclose the object of his visit but he had an interview with foreign minister Fealdo in relation to Isle of Pines matters. Subscribe for "The Labor World," \$1.00.

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ARBITRATION MAY HURT STREET CAR MEN.

Afraid That Reductions Will Follow-Pres. Mahon Says Agreement Is a Distinct Gain. Men Fared Better Than He Had Expected. Some Differences Over Wage Scale.

Chicago. Dec. 10.-There will always be a difference of opinion as to whether the strike of the South Side street car men of Chicago ended in defeat or victory. All but a handful of men, accused of violence, were taken back. Financially the company was the loser. A careful estimate shows that at least \$300,000 was lost by the corporation in fare, and there were also losses by reason of the destruction of property; but this latter item was not great. The 2,600 men involved lost their wages less the amount of strike benefits they received. Their total losses will not exceed \$30,000, and divided among -so nany it is not a serious matter.

President Mahon before leaving for home at Detroit, Mich., remarked: "The men voted the strike and they called it off. The terms of peace were submitted to them and they accepted. I-did my best for them. I believe the arbitration agreement a good one if both sides live up to it.

"The first section, dealing with wages, is a distinct gain for the men. The second, dealing with the routing of cars, is an absolute gain for them. The third, dealing with the treatment of the union, is satisfactory. The fourth, dealing with the meeting of the company and the union officials, ard and Producer and Refiners' Oil now in force, and all the rest of the points are gains for the men."

Late in the week there were reports that the men had bn "sold out," bcause the officials of the union met with some of the officials of the company and tried to privately reach an agreement. That there was nothing in it is shown by the fact that conditions were wrung from the company that it was very loath to give.

The point with which most fault is found relates to the wage scale. It opens up the entire question of wages, and some of the men fear that a reduction may be made in some places. Had not the strike ended as it did there was danger that other lines of industry would have been drawn into it, and it even might have involved the whole trade union movement, especially if the teaming interests had been locked out, as was the threat of some employers. All the newspapers speak very

highly of the generalship of President He kept his temper, neither blustered nor truckled

RAILROAD LABOR

A secret convention of officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad is in session this week in Philadelphia. The firemen have asked for the same pay under the new schedule of nine hours a day as they received when they worked ten hours. Wages in the car department of the Wabash system, at Decatur, Ill., have been reudced 10 per cent. It is expected that 150 men will be laid off. The union Pacific railway managenent is reported to have much-vaunted pension system the which was meant to prove that the interests of the mangnates and the workers were identical. It is dollars to doughnuts that this announcement will not be published as widely as was the pension scheme when it was orig-

inally sprung. United Brotherhood of Railway Employes, a rival organization of the old brotherhoods, announces that last month six new lodges of engineers alone were formed.

The Philadelphia & Reading railway system has reduced the hours to eight with a corresponding reduction in pay. About 3,000 miles of Missouri Pacific track in southwestern Kansas and southwestern Missouri are without a section laborer except the foreman. The men quit work volutarily upon receipt of the announcement of a cut

in their wages. From 4,000 to 5,000 men have been discharged by the United States Coal and Coke Co., at Welch, W. Va. No time has been set for their return. The ompany has a plant at Welch that is estimated to be worth \$3,000,000, and the closing down of the plant and discharge of all employes has created widespread consternation all along the line of the Norfolk & Western, railway in the coal field.

SOME PENNSYLVANIA MINE ARE REDUCED

Reading, Pa., Dec. 10.-It is announeced taht the Somerset Coal Company, the W. K. Niver Coal Company and the Merchants' Coal Company, which own and operate a number of mines in the Myersdale region, have decided to make a reduction of 10 cents ton in the wages paid the miners. This cut will become effective Dec. 16. The thre companies employ upward of 2,500 men.

MEAT WORKERS VOTE DOWN BIG STRIKE PROPOSITION

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.-Two thousand organized meatworkers of Indianapolis have voted down a proposition to inaugurate a strike to secure the adoption of a new scale schedule. W. H. Sterling, of Chicago, vice-president of the international association, after a careful canvass of the situation, advised the men to postpone any radical action until next spring.

UTAH COAL OPERATORS REFUSE OUTSIDE PROPOSALS

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 10 .- All egotiations tword ending the coal miners' strike in Utah have been declared off, and so it is now a case of 'the survival of the fittest." The operators, through President Kramer, declined to treat with the miners, and have so informed Governor Wells. The operators declare they will never recDISEASES OF MI CURED TO STAY CURED.



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ognize the minrs' union and have laid the new schedules were received withther plans for an all-winter fight. Clashes between miners and the troops are expected when an attempt is made to evict the miners from their homes. Telegrams were sent to John Mitchell by both strikers and state officials urging him to start for Utah at once and use his good offices in arranging a settlement.

BIG REDUCTIONS IN

TRUST RIDDEN STATE Newark, Ney Jersey, Dec. 10 .- Notices were posted in all the mines of the Empire Steel and Iron Company in Mount Hope, Hibernia and the other big mines would be made in the wages of all miners, beginning Dec. 5. Also that only one shift of men would be used where two formerly worked. The order affects 3,000 men. This, with the cut of ITALY'S FINANCES 15 per cent, made on Oct. 3, the shutting lown of the Wharton mines, and the blowing out of Port Oram furnace, has caused unrest in labor circles in the

northern part of New Jersey. RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

FOLLOW SUIT IN PRINTING. Providence, R. I. The new wage scale adopted by the cotton mills of Rhode Island, which reduces the wages of operatives 10 per cent., restoring the price list of two years ago, went into effect, December 1. Thirty-seven mills. 7,000 are affected. No trouble is anticipated by the mill owners. The employes are dissatisfied with the new schedule, but believe that many of the manufacturers will not hesitate to close their mills should a strike seem mminent. They will await a market nore favorable to the manufacturers before pressing for a return to former figures.

5000 COTTON OPERATORS GET THEIR WAGES CUT

New Bedford, Mas., Dec 10.-The wages of about 32,000 Massachustis cotton textile operators were reduced this week. This brings the total number in New England who have had their pay cut down this fall to about 64,000, and the cut which takes affect in New Bedford will swell the total to about 75,000 and complete a general reduction in couthern New England cotton mills The cut down in the majority of factories averages 10 per cent. The report from the mill disstrict indicates that had been married but three weeks.

out any serious protest on the part of the operatives.

NEW YORK LABOR FORMS STRONG POLITICAL PLATFORM

New York, Dec. 10.—The Central Labor Union of New York City has appointed a committee to draw up a platform for a labor political party. This action followed addresses by fraternal delegates from England to the American Federation of Labor, who were invited to appear before the union. These delegates told of the success of trades unions in English politics. It is expected that a national labor convention in Morris county, New Jersey, to the will be called as soon as the committee effect that a 10 per cent, reduction is ready with its report. Men prominent in labor circles there expect the movement toward national organization to soon spread throughout the country.

IN GOOD SHAPE ROME, Dec. 9 .- Minister of the Treasury Luzzatti presented the budget statement in the chamber of deputies today. He began by pointing out that the budget of 1902-1903 closed with a surplus of \$13,942,600, and said the budget of 1903-1904, including the additional sum of \$24.000, which the government had added to the appropriation for Italian participation in the St. Louis exposition, will close with \$1,-200,000 surplus. For 1904-1905 the minister foresaw a surplus of \$1,444,-000, which showed the strength of with employes aggregating more than Italian finances, especially compared with those of France, Austria and

> MOB DRIVES OUT STRIKE BREAKERS

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 9 .- Armed with clubs, a mob of about fifty strikers from the Royal mine, at Hobson, turned back forty strike-breakers who were under armed escort today near Milton, marched them down the track about a mile and ordered them out of the vicinity. The order was obeyed with alacrity. The men had been em ployed at San Francisco to take the places of strikers. More trouble is expected.

YOUNG WIFE

KILLED HUSBAND COLDWATER, Mich., Dec. 9.-Katie Ludwick, 18 years old, today confessed that she administered a fatal dose of poison to her busband, to whom she

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