

THE PUBLIC FORUM

BURGLARS AND TAXES.—Daily we read of thefts of jewels of great value from homes of the fashionable set. I wonder if the assessor ever takes the trouble to scan his tax duplicates to note if these people have ever reported to him for purposes of taxation jewelry to any such value as newspaper reports place upon them after a burglar is reported to have done his work?—H. V.

CLOTHING WORKERS' STRIKE. The clothing workers of Chicago are again facing a strike situation on account of the clothing barons not living up to the arrangements made at the termination of the last strike.

The largest association firm, B. Kuppenheimer's, was the first hit by the Amalgamated, owing to the discharge of shop officers of the cutting and trimming dep't last Saturday. As soon as the men found out about the discharges a shop meeting was held and a committee was appointed to see the firm and demand reinstatement of cutters discharged.

Sentiment throughout the city is such that in all probability this move will lead to another general strike.

The workers see that now is the opportune time to establish good conditions in the industry and propose to take advantage of it. Most of them are members of the union. The cutters and trimmers are organized 100 per cent.—F. Rosenblum.

MERCY FOR MEXICANS.—I wrote the following letter to President Wilson today:

"It was brought to light in the trial of the seven followers of Villa, condemned to die on May 19 in New Mexico, that they were ignorant of where they were going at the time of the raid on Columbus and that they were forced to follow Villa under penalty of death. If this is true, is not the United States as guilty of murder as the cruel bandit Villa in

putting these men to death? I cry, plead and appeal to you, brother president, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who commanded us to have mercy, that this murder shall not be committed by the government of the United States of America."—W. J. Standley, Cornplanter, Pa.

VICE REPORT FILM.—I see that the Illinois vice commission came out in the movies. Our friends, the trust press and the State street barons and starvation wage-payers, are getting shocked. "Vice for 25 cents," says the Daily News. "The film is shocking."

Failing in their attempt to stop the vice commission report from being published they are attempting to ruin the picture, which deals with the report, by trying to scare the public to death through old newspaper tricks.

I think the public ought to reform some of our publishers, instead of our publishers trying to reform us. The news does not think very much of our people; it thinks they can be spoiled by the truth. Newspapers which depend on their advertisers can be spoiled by the truth, not the public. The vice commission's work is both worth seeing and reading.—Abe Holzman.

CALLS MERCER MOROSE.—Morose Frank Mercer is convinced that there is in the world a great amount of cruelty and injustice. This universal suffering is personal torment to him and his mental pain reaches an intolerable tension, causing him to irrigate his sadness in the famous D. B. Forum. He decries our lack of Christianity and "fulness of God" (whatever that is).

Probably Mercer never heard of the thousand years in the history of Europe known as the "Dark Ages"—dark because of complete mental and moral stagnation and densest ignorance due to Christianity's absolute supremacy! Socialism, which