

Socialist Column

(By E. Francis Atwood.)

Justice and Judges.

Rev. G. G. Hamilton, former opponent of Socialism, says: "Socialism stands for equal and exact justice for all; it stands for human rights and human liberty and human brotherhood; it stands for the application of the eternal principles of Christ's gospel in all the relations of mankind, to all the affairs of human society. Many there are engaged in this great work for social salvation who do not call themselves Christians, yet unconsciously they manifest the highest Christian spirit and nobly do they fight to make possible the reign of justice and the attainment of a higher spiritual life than the world has ever known before. They are better than the smug hypocrites of conventional religion who 'devout widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers."

Then I will let one of these hypocrites speak for himself: "Jineral" H. G. Otis, in the Los Angeles Times of Nov. 2: "And soon—it has begun to happen already—the plain citizens of every country will form a combine. Its object will be the suppression of professional agitators. Theirs will be a big, powerful, effective, but very unostentatious revolt. It will work quickly, surely, silently. The first thing the Plain Citizen Combine will accomplish is the QUIET REMOVAL of these gentlemen. They won't be blown up, they will just QUIETLY DISAPPEAR from human ken. There will be a little inquiry at first but it will soon die down." This is a good republican, but I doubt most republicans agreeing with his ignoring of all law and justice. The courts already have the reputation of having one law for the rich and another for the poor, and probably the "Jineral" knows more about how the courts would regard such injustice, such inhuman "cussedness," than I do.

In England, Chief Justice Tressilian and his associates declared an act of Parliament invalid, and this was a contributing cause of his being hung for high treason and of the banishment of his associates.

In 1688, Jeffreys declared an act of Parliament invalid and the result was a revolution, the flight of James II, and in 1701 the placing of the power of recall of judges in the hands of Parliament. Jeffreys died in the Tower of London, remembered as the most unjust judge of English history, the cause of the death of hundreds of innocent people, the enslavement of thousands, the destroyer of the Charter of Free London and an arch-enemy of justice and liberty.

In 1820, Thomas Jefferson wrote: "You seem to consider the

judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions, a very dangerous doctrine indeed, and one that would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy."

And America? Free America? Today, the courts set aside any law at will; they set aside any verdict of a jury; they set aside even the precedents established by themselves, and invariably this is done in the favor of him who lives without labor, battenning on the toil of others, and against the person who does toil. In New Jersey, the Supreme Court said that no child was worth over one dollar in damages and in fact, when the child of poor parents was killed, the parents were better off, relieved of the burden of its support. The Supreme Court of the United States said it was all right to kidnap Mayer and Haywood, workingmen, but Fred Warren learned that it was a hideous crime to offer a reward for the kidnaping of a republican politician accused of cold-blooded murder. At Crookston, Minn., the court allowed that the burning of several hundred bushels of oats by sparks from a locomotive was a benefit to the poor farmer who wanted the oats for feed, for if he were to thresh the oats and sell them at the low price then prevailing, he would be out of pocket, the plaintiff will please pay the costs! One in twenty of the hopelessly maimed in industry receives damages, the other nineteen either did it purposely or their "fellow-servant" was careless, or they "assumed the risk" when they took the job. "I do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as judge, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the constitution and law of the United States, so help me God." (Rev. Statutes, U. S. Sec. 712, Judges' Oath).

In view of the constant output of unfair, unjust and biased decisions of the United States courts, probably over half of our citizens regard the most of these judges as perjured liars, devoid of conscience, ignorant of American ideals.

This is a wrong view, but the right one will not please you, though the Socialist remedy probably will.

Contest Closes Dec. 20.

The Standard-Posten Voting Contest closes on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 4 o'clock p. m. Less than two weeks left in which to win a trip to Europe.

Don't fail to see "Jeff and Mutt" at the Unique, next Wednesday evening. They are a scream.

DEFENSE FUND IS EXHAUSTED

Darrow Received \$50,000 of Amount Collected.

MONEY STILL POURING IN

Frank Morrison, Custodian of McNamara Defense Fund, Says No Statement of Expenditures Has Been Received From Counsel in Case, the Only Communication Being a Request for More Money.

New York, Dec. 6.—"Not less than \$50,000" was the fee received by Clarence Darrow for his services in defending the McNamara brothers, according to a declaration made here by Frank N. Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor and custodian of the McNamara-defense fund.

Mr. Morrison said also that, notwithstanding the McNamara brothers' pleas of guilty in the Los Angeles dynamiting cases money for their defense was still pouring in. These receipts represented subscriptions made before the pleas were entered.

Mr. Compers, Mr. Morrison and other labor leaders met here with counsel to discuss the Buck Stove and Range contempt case.

Concerning the fund for the McNamara defense, Mr. Morrison said that more than \$200,000 had been subscribed and that practically all had been sent to the attorneys. He declined to commit himself when asked if Mr. Darrow had received other remuneration for his services in the case, in addition to the single fee mentioned.

Fund Practically Spent.

Practically all of the \$200,000, Mr. Morrison said, had been spent. The money received by the committee after the pleas of guilty had been made, he declared, would be returned to the contributors so far as possible and the residue of the defense fund, if any, would be either sent back to the contributors or distributed pro rata among the locals contributing it.

"Have you received any report or statement from Mr. Darrow as to the way this money was expended?" he was asked.

"We have received no such report from Mr. Darrow," he replied. "The only communication along this line has been a request for more money."

"Has Mr. Darrow telegraphed the federation's officers with regard to the recent bribery charges in Los Angeles?"

"He has not," Mr. Morrison said.

WICKERSHAM IS TAKEN ILL

Attorney General Stricken With Illness.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Attorney General Wickersham was taken suddenly ill while attending the cabinet session. Dr. de Laney, President Taft's physician, was summoned from the war department. Mr. Wickersham



Photo by American Press Association. GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM.

was reported not to be in serious danger.

After working with his patient for fifteen minutes, with the president and other members of the cabinet doing what they could to aid him, Dr. de Laney ordered the attorney general to be removed to his home.

ENGINE GOES INTO RIVER

One Fireman Killed and Another Mortally Injured. Denver, Dec. 6.—One fireman was instantly killed, another probably

NEWS OF WORLD

Important Events of the Week in Condensed Form.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Persian national council has rejected the Russian ultimatum by a big majority. The foreign minister has resigned. The Russian ultimatum to the terms of which the Persian national council has refused to agree called, in the first place, for the instant dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American who has for several months occupied the post of Persian treasurer general. A further demand was for a cash indemnity from Persia to cover the cost of the dispatch of Russian troops to that country.

The concluding and most impressive ceremony connected with the creation of the new cardinals took place at the great public consistory at the Vatican, when fourteen princes of the church, including the three American prelates, Cardinals Falconio, Farley and O'Connell, were invested with the red hat, indicating their rank.

The Italian military authorities at Tripoli announce that the casualties among the Italian forces engaged in the battle of Fort Mesri and Henini on Nov. 26, when the Italians attacked and forced the Arabs and Turks to retire with a loss of over 500 men and 300 prisoners, totalled 120, of whom sixteen were killed.

In consequence of the rejection by the Persian national council of the Russian demands Russia has ordered the Russian troops now concentrated at Resht, capital of the Persian province of Gilan, sixteen miles from Enzeli, on the Caspian sea, to advance on Teheran.

Baron Gustave Samuel James de Rothschild is dead at Paris. He was a partner in the banking firm of Rothschild Bros. and he also acted as consul general for Austria-Hungary in Paris. He was a commander of the Legion of Honor.

The students of the colleges and high schools, in order to express their disapproval of the government's repression of a proposed demonstration of medical students at Barcelona, have proclaimed a "general strike" throughout Spain.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Wharton Barker, a retired banker of Philadelphia, sprung a sensation on the senate committee on interstate commerce when he alleged that a New York financier told him in 1904 that the financial interests would support Theodore Roosevelt for president because the latter had "made a bargain" with them "on the railroad question." Colonel Roosevelt calls the story a "pipe dream."

The federal supreme court took under consideration the application of counsel for the Chicago beef packers for a stay of their trial in the United States district court at Chicago on charges of criminally violating the Sherman anti-trust law. A stay and bail was asked until the court could pass on the constitutionality of the Sherman anti-trust law as a criminal statute.

Estimates of the treasury department for running the government during the next fiscal year, submitted to congress, contemplates a saving of \$21,283,921.33 as compared with the amount appropriated for the fiscal year 1911-12. The total amount estimated for all expenses of the government is \$745,834,563.

The United States has formally offered to China the services of 2,500 American troops now stationed in the Philippines to aid in keeping open the railway from Peking to the sea and for the purpose of the protection of foreigners in China if the Chinese council of ministers desires to accept their services.

The much discussed report of the tariff board on the wool schedule of the Payne tariff and on the wool industry will be in the hands of President Taft not later than Dec. 11.

CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS.

The first regular session of the Sixty-second congress convened at noon Dec. 4. Practically every member was in his seat and the galleries, as usual, were crowded. Legislative machinery is in readiness for a long session. Speaker Clark and other leaders have predicted that adjournment may not come until after the national conventions of both parties have been held. This has not happened since 1888.

A demand that Representative Littleton be impeached and expelled from the house was filed with Speaker Clark to be laid before the house by Secretary Henry Martin of the Anti-Trust league. It was framed as a memorial, accompanied by resolutions adopted by the league, characterizing Littleton as an ally of the trusts.

An investigation of the operations of the so called American Anti-Trust league was demanded by Republican Leader Mann in the house.

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