

ADDRESS ON SOCIALISM

John M. Work a Most Interesting Talker

LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Address Might Have Been Titled "A Heart to Heart Talk With the Laboring Man"—Scores Political Party Men.

Last evening at the Court House John M. Work, national organizer and member of the National executive committee of the Socialist party, addressed a very attentive audience on the subject of "What's So and What Isn't About Socialism." A Socialist would call it a heart to heart talk with the victims of what they term this excruciating system—for the listeners were principally laborers who were not Socialists, but who had evidently found some difficulty in their search for the God to which Taft referred the man without a job.

Mr. Work discussed the question of competition and combination. He pointed out that as a man climbed up in the business world he learned that competition was the death, rather than the life of trade. And in support of his contention he cited the formation of individuals into companies and corporations and then of corporations into trusts and combines for the purpose of elimination of competition. He paid his respects to the man who would essay to bust the trusts; such a course is insane, he said, and was only advanced by those who would turn the wheels of progress backward—of course such a thing being impossible. His idea was that the trusts are one of the necessary steps in industrial evolution. To legislate against the combining of corporations is useless for the reason that you cannot prevent the officers of two corporations from meeting privately and fixing the rates on the commodities they handle; you cannot prevent the dissolution of one

corporation and the investment of its capital in another corporation—so it is you cannot prevent the formation of one large corporation in which capitalists of other corporations may invest their wealth and carry on the same business, i. e., you cannot do it under the present competition system.

Mr. Work boldly complimented his audience by pointing out that they were wage slaves for the reason that they existed only by permission of the capitalists, from whom they begged their jobs, and then hurled at them the undisputable fact that "It is only ignorance that enslaves."

"The speaker went quite thoroughly into many other phases of the economic situation, pointing out defects and the remedy. Generally speaking his remedy is Socialism, which he defines as being primarily the collective ownership and popular control of everything that is now being used by the capitalists for the exploitation of the producing classes.

Mr. Work is an earnest and interesting speaker and thoroughly understands his subject—a subject that is today demanding the greatest attention from the greatest men.

BOMB THROWER KILLS CHIEF POLICE

(Special to The Evening News.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Another reign of terror seems to have materialized in this city. Col. Karhoff, chief of the St. Petersburg police, was killed by a bomb early this morning. The deadly missile was thrown by a man believed to be Michael Vesskrossen, and the assassin was immediately arrested. From passports found on the prisoner it was discovered that the assassin had made preparations to leave the country, and probably thought that if he killed the chief and then escape the country he was safe.

The Douglas County Creamery will have a good supply of table and whipping cream on hand Saturday. Those wishing the same should either send in their order or call in person. No delivery. The Douglas County Creamery reports butter still soaring, the price being listed at 90 cents this morning.

LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS

Zelaya Troops Defeated After Hard Fought Battle

GONZALES MEN QUIT

Corps of 1900 Men Captured After 1500 Rifles and One Million Rounds of Ammunition—Two Hundred Dead.

(Special to The Evening News)
Washington, Dec. 22.—The defeated army of President Zelaya surrendered to Estrada's forces at Rama today. This information came in the form of a cable message to the state department from Captain Shipley, commander of the cruiser Des Moines. The report states that Zelaya's army lost 600 men in killed and wounded during the battle in the vicinity of Recora and Rama yesterday. A detachment of the marine hospital corps from the American warships at Bluefield has established field hospitals and are caring for the wounded men from the field of battle. The battle was hotly contested, and Zelaya's forces were only routed after severe fighting. On the 20th of the month Estrada attacked the outposts of the Gonzales army of 1900 men and pushed the fight to a successful finish, capturing the entire force together with fifteen hundred rifles and one million rounds of ammunition. Two hundred men of Gonzales' army were killed.

INSANE PARENT KILLS DAUGHTERS

(Special to The Evening News)
Fresno, Cal., Dec. 2.—A terrible tragedy was enacted in the northwestern part of the city today in which an insane father killed his

children and murdered his wife. Charles Chevrant became violently insane and attacked his wife with a hatchet and fairly butchered the unfortunate lady. He then attempted to kill his three little daughters, two of whom were so badly wounded that no hope is held out for their recovery, but the third daughter will get well. The one son of the maniac fled from the place while the dreadful deed was being committed, and called in assistance Chevrant, believing, no doubt, that all of his victims were dead, fled from the ranch to the Southern Pacific railway track, where he threw himself in front of an incoming passenger train and his body was literally ground into atoms.

KILLED IN QUARREL OVER CARD GAME

(Special to The Evening News.)
Butte, Dec. 22.—In a quarrel over camp on the Powder river, Thomas a game of cards at a prospectors' Bell, a miner, was instantly killed by W. J. Schmalsie, another prospector, who struck his victim over the head with a poker. Schmalsie claims the deed was done in self defense, and has surrendered himself to the Butte police.

TAMMANY LEADER DYING IN NEW YORK

(Special to The Evening News.)
New York, Dec. 22.—The condition of Alderman Timothy P. Sullivan, a prominent Tammany politician, in a very grave, and attending physicians hold out but little hope for his recovery. Mr. Sullivan is suffering from a complication of diseases which have affected the heart, and death is expected any minute.

FISHER'S ENLISTMENT ILLEGAL

Charge of Desertion Will be Fought—Boy Only 15 Years Old.
To James Lawrence Fisher:
You have been advertised as a deserter from the U. S. army. This is absolutely false, and if this meets your eye, come to me as soon as you possibly can. You may be arrested, but you will not be taken back; I will protect you. You owe it to me to face this like a man. You don't have to hide. Your father, D. P. FISHER. (Other papers please copy.)

The report of the alleged desertion of James Lawrence Fisher from the United States army and the subsequent offer of a reward from the government for the apprehension and return of the young man to the army officials, as published in the Evening News of Monday, was the first intimation that D. P. Fisher, the father of the young man, had of the unfortunate affair.

In conversation with a representative of the News this morning, Mr. Fisher said that while the boy had enlisted about a year and a half ago, without his personal knowledge or consent, he had not heard of any trouble until his attention was called to the article in the Monday's issue of this paper.

Naturally Mr. Fisher was much wrought up over the matter, and has taken steps to get in communication with his son, but he does not intend that the charge of desertion from the army shall be allowed to stand, and will fight the claim of the government to a finish.

From Mr. Fisher's statement it appears that the son has been in his custody for some years, and consequently, the boy being only fifteen years of age at the time of the alleged enlistment, the father's consent was necessary to make the transaction strictly legal. Such consent was never obtained, and the boy entered the army without even his father's knowledge. The young man did, so it was asserted at the time, secure permission from his mother, but since the lady at that time had no jurisdiction over his actions, such consent was void.

Young Fisher is not yet 18 years of age, the legal limit for enlistment in the army, so we are informed, and although Sheriff Fenton has a full description of the young man and a request from the army officers for his arrest, a case should be found in this section of the state. Mr. Fisher has begun a search for his young son and will bring him home and defend him. Mr. Fisher is not taking this action because he wishes to uphold the boy in any action that may have been wrong, but because the boy was little more than a child at the time of his enlistment, because the act was without parental authority or consent, and because the boy needs his advice, assistance and care at this particular time and under these trying circumstances. To this end an article addressed to James Lawrence Fisher, which Mr. Fisher requests other papers to copy, invites the boy to communicate with his father at once and to come home as soon as possible.

THOMPSON IS VICTOR

Government is Defeated in Bitter Contest Case

CHARGES FALL SHORT

Evidence Substantiates Contentions of Thompson and Government is Allowed to Whistle—May be Appealed Higher Court.

A very important decision was handed down in the local United States land office this morning in the contest case of the United States vs. Alexander Thompson, of Myrtle Creek. In substance the decision is favorable to Thompson, allowing him to retain the homestead regardless of the charges preferred by the government through a special agent.

It appears that Thompson made homestead entry to the land in question which comprises the SW 1-4 of Sec. 22, Twp. 36, S. R. 1 W., on April 26, 1901, and offered final proof to said land on September 5, 1907. In accordance with instructions from the commissioner, however, the local land office refused to issue final certificate pending an investigation of the following charges preferred by the government representative.

That he made a mere pretense at cultivation, having only a garden 50x75 feet, and having sowed a small piece of tame grass without plowing the land.

That he did not make the entry in good faith for a home, but for the purpose of acquiring title to and speculating in the valuable timber on the land.

In due course of time the entryman filed a denial of the respective charges with a request for a hearing, such being granted. The hearing occurred before the local land office on August 2, 1909, the government being represented by a special agent, while Attorney Coshov looked after the interests of Thompson.

The evidence adduced during the hearing showed that at the time the entry was made the entryman was a widower and resided at Myrtle Creek, Oregon. On November 8 Thompson was married to a widow residing at Myrtle Creek and owning a furnished home at that place. Both before and after marriage the entryman worked at carpenter work and other labor, such being necessary in order to maintain himself and make improvements on the land. The evidence introduced on behalf of the government tended to show that the entryman spent about one half of his time on his homestead, and that he made substantial and permanent improvements, including the clearing of several acres of land and the erection of a house and barn. The government was corroborated in this regard by Thompson, who testified that he spent at least one half of his time on the homestead. The entryman's wife, however, resided on the land only six weeks, that being in the fall of 1908, about one year after final proof was offered. Her absence, however, was satisfactorily explained by the fact that she was at all times since her marriage an invalid.

The entryman admitted that his wife was afflicted with blood poisoning at the time of her marriage, but that he had reason to believe that she would recover. Owing to complications, however, the disease spread and recovery was retarded. No evidence was introduced by the government agent which tended to show that the entryman finally took his wife to the homestead for any other reason than making her home.

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as he alleged to have made it a home for himself prior thereto. The evidence further showed that the wife finally had to be removed from the land in an isolated section of the country, where medicines and other necessities for an invalid could be obtained only with difficulty. It was established beyond a doubt that the entryman was never absent from the land more than four months at one time, having spent such vacations at the home of his wife at Myrtle Creek.

Other evidence tended to show that Thompson had fenced a portion of the land and that he had cleared practically five acres. Three acres of this land was utilized in raising grain and other farm products, showing that the entryman was improving the homestead in good faith.

In brief the decision follows: "We find that the charge that the entryman has not established and maintained residence has failed. Though he remained off the land a considerable portion of the time, we do not think continuity of his residence has been broken or had faith shown. It is to be borne in mind that the premises were examined by the government officers about one year after final proof had been offered, and in that period of time the appearance of the premises might have changed for the worse.

"The charge that the entryman has made a mere pretense of cultivation has, in our opinion, also failed. As to the remaining charge, namely, that the entry was not made in good faith for a home but for the purpose of acquiring title to and speculating in the timber we find it wholly unsupported by the evidence. There is timber of value on the land, but upwards of sixty acres are valuable river bottom, of great value for agricultural purposes when cleared. There have been few homesteads found in this part of Oregon not covered with timber and brush, the removal of which has been a slow and expensive task.

"We are of the opinion that the charges should be dismissed and the final certificate should be issued to the entryman."

ANARCHIST KILLS MINISTER BRATTANO

Washington, Dec. 22.—Prime Minister Brattano, of Roumania, was shot and instantly killed today by an anarchist. The dispatches carrying the information were received from the American Consulate in Bucharest, but no details, save that the assassin was captured, were obtainable.

Mrs. J. R. Bailey was called to Kansas City, Mo., a few days ago on account of the sickness and death of her mother, Mrs. W. M. Parsons of that place. Mrs. Bailey will remain in the east until after Christmas.

BARBER SHOPS CLOSE SATURDAY

All the barber shops in the city will be closed all day Christmas, but will remain open until a late hour Friday night to accommodate their patrons.

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