

SENATNA PREISKAVA "LOBBYIZMA"

STO PETNAJST TRUSTJANSKIH KORPORACIJ IMA V WASHINGTONU SVOJE POSEBNE ZASTOPNIKE

Lobbyizem je znak praznote ameriških kapitalističnih strank. — Za glasove poslancev se kupčuje kakor da so blago

Izvolite svoje poslance, pravi socialistična stranka, da pometejo s politiko "lobbyizma"

Nikjer na svetu nima "lobbyizem", ki je ameriška "institucija", toliko moči kakor v Zedinjenih državah...

priljubljen prispevati pet tisoč ali pa petdeset tisoč, če potrebno. Znani so slučaji — dogodili so se v prošlih par kampanjah, ko so posamezne korporacije potrošile v agitaciji za senatorskega kandidata od sto tisoč do milijon dolarjev...

V sedanjih senatnih preiskavi je prišlo na dan, da je bil tajnik senatorja Bingham ob enem na plačilni listi raznih velikih korporacij. To seveda ni edini slučaj. Vleče plačo od države zato da bi služboval ljudstvu, korporacije pa mu plačujejo ene par tisoč, druge do deset tisoč letno...

Okrog 150 velikih korporacij in trustov ima v Washingtonu "legislativne" lobbyistične urade. Veliki ameriški trusti in zveza bančirjev ima najboljši lobbyistični aparat, katerega mreže segajo po vsem svetu. Imenovani Francoski pravi, da imajo najboljši diplomatski personel kakor marsikakšna srednje močna država v Evropi.

Lobbyisti imajo v Washingtonu urade, opremljene z velikim uradniškim aparatom za statistiko, za pošiljanje poročil časopisju in za propagando. Prirejajo banke, pazijo na "nezanesljive" poslance, in kadar kateri kaj "zagreši", mu namignjejo, da postavlja v nevarnost svoj mandat.

7 gastonskih organizatorjev obsojenih

"ŠEPETALEC" V IGRI DOLARJA



Kadar čitate članek v kapitalističnem listu, kadar poslušate govor na radio, kadar čitate argumentiranje v prid kakšne zakonske predloge v kongresu, navedeno poslušate govor, ki ga narekuje lobbyizem ali pa direktno poslancu ali uredniku zastopnik te ali one močnega korporacije. Čitajte članek v prvih dveh kolumnah te strani.

SKLEPI PROSLE KONVENCIJE A. F. OF L. V TORONTU

Progresivci pravijo, da je bilo to zborovanje najboljšo v povojnih letih

Njena politična taktika ostane nespremenjena

Konvencija Ameriške delavske federacije, ki se je vršila v Torontu, Kanada, je izvolila ves prejšnji odbor. Wm. Green, ki je bil izvoljen za predsednika ameriških unij že šestič, ni imel v Torontu nobenega protikandidata. Tudi ostali člani eksekutive so bili izvoljeni večinoma brez opozicije.

Konvencija je zaključila ustanoviti poseben fond, iz katerega se bo financirala kampanja za organiziranje delavstva v južnih državah. Sklenila je ojačati kampanjo za odpravo sodnih indžankov proti delavstvu v stavkah. Obsodila je ustanovitev katoliške unije v Quebecu in pozvala delavstvo v tej provinci, naj ostane lojalno regularnim unijam, ki se ne dele po narodnosti in veri.

SOCIALISTIČNA KAMPANJA V NEW YORKU SIJAJNA

Socialisti v Readingu, Pa., in v Buffalu, N. Y., računajo z gotovostjo na zmago.

Veliki newyorški dnevnik "World" piše v uredniškem članku, da socialisti že od l. 1917, ko je kandidiral za župana Morris Hillquit, niso imeli tako dobrih izgledov kakor letos. Socialistični kandidat za župana je Norman Thomas. Indorsirali so ga ameriški liberalci, mnoge unije in druge organizacije, ki hočejo, da dobi največje ameriško mesto pošteno upravo.

Zelo agilno kampanjo vodi socialistična stranka v Readingu, Pa., v Buffalu in v več drugih mestih, kjer bodo novembra volitve v okrajne in mestne urade.

OGRSKA UVEDLA PRETEPANJE

"Viteštvo" na Madžarskem so povrača k instrumentom za pretepanje "vojnih jetnikov". Iz Budapešte poročajo, da je ogrski vojni minister izdal naredbu, s katero se nad vojaki in drugimi aretiranci, ki spadajo pod vojno kategorijo, zopet uvede pretepanje namesto zaporne kazni. Koliko in kakšne udarce dobi jetnik, odloči vojno sodišče.

NA OBRAVNAVI PROTI FALLU TOČIJO SOLZE

Sentimenti, olje in posojila

Na obravnavi proti bivšemu notranjemu tajniku Albert B. Fallu v Washingtonu so se dogodile poleg formalnosti tudi smešne stvari, ki so ob enem tragične ker dokazujejo, da ni zločin, ako more človek prevariti deželo za milijone dolarjev.

Oljni magnat multimilijonar E. L. Doheny je za časa Hardinga posodil notranjemu tajniku Fallu, svojemu staremu prijatelju, sto tisoč dolarjev. Fall mu ni dal za to posojilo nikakih garancij in Doheny jih ni zahteval. Prijaznost je Fall vrnil s prijaznostjo. Izposloval je, da je dobila Dohenyjeva družba proti mali odškodnini bogata oljna polja Elk Hills v Californiji, ki so federalna posest. Doheny pravi, da sta bila s Fallom uverjena, da proti Zedinjenim državam vojna nevarnost od Japonske, v tem domnevanju pa su ju še bolj potrdili admirali ameriške mornarice.

Veliki dolarjev pa lahko Doheny da komur hoče. Saj je to vendar svobodna dežela!

PRORAČUN NEW YORKA ZNAŠA \$564,000,000.

Proračun mesta New York za bodoče fiskalno leto znaša \$564,773,253, ali \$35,844,555 več kakor leto poprej.

KAZNI OD PET DO DVAJSET LET ZAPORA

Spoznani so bili krivim umora policijskega načelnika Aderholta v Gastoniji.

Obravnava proti organizatorjem National Textile Workers unije, ki se je začela pred tedni v Gastoniji, bila nato premešana v Charlotte, potem prekinjena radi zblaznelosti enega porotnika in začeta z nova, je bila končana pred sodnikom Barnhillom dne 21. oktobra. Od prvotnega števila obtožencev si je državni pravilnik pridržal za končno obravnavo le sedem moških.

Sodnik je določil sledeče kazni: Fred Erwin Beal, od 17 do 20 let zapora za umor policijskega načelnika in 10 let za napad na drugega policaja a smrtonosnim orožjem. Miller, Carter in Harrison so dobili enako kazni kakor Beal. McGinnis in McLaughlin od 13 do 16 let zapora za umor in od pet do sedem let za napad na policaja Gilberta. K. Y. Hendricks od 5 do 7 let zapora za umor in pet let za napad na policaja Gilberta.

Ali bodo dobili enake kazni tudi morilci stavkarice Elle May Wiggins, ki je bila ustreljena brez poviča, ko se je peljala na stavkarski shod? Ali bodo dobili enake kazni šerif in njegovi rablji v Marionu, ki so ubili potstavkarjev?

Dasi je sodnik Barnhill ves čas zatrjeval, da se obravnava proti gastonskim organizatorjem in stavkarjem ne sme v nobenem oziru smatrati za razredno obravnavo, nego samo za sodni proces, ki ima dognati krivdo obtožencev za umor policijskega načelnika, so na obsodbo vendar največ vplivala razredna nasprotja. Obsojenci so bodo proti obsodbi borili naprej na višje instance.

Progoni proti socialistom na Litvinskem

V klerikalni Litvinski je bilo dne 18. oktobra aretiranih 150 socialistov, med njimi pet poslancev. Aretacije so se izvršile v stavki, katero so organizirali socialisti proti vladnemu odloku, ki se glasi, da bodo delavske bolnišnice blagajne v bodoče pod upravo vlade in ne delavstva, kakor so bile doslej.

LIBERALNI INTELEKTUALCI V NEW YORKU ZA THOMASA

John Dewey, profesor filozofije na vueničišču Columbia, znani ameriški liberalci in filozof, je v daljši izjavi o newyorški kampanji za županske volitve indorsiral socialistu Normana Thomasa in z njim vred je indorsiralo Thomasa več sto drugih intelektualcev.

Najboljše ilustriran slovenski list v Ameriki je "PROLETAREC"

V nedeljo 27. oktobra na odru dvorane Č. S. P. S. CHICAGO tridejanska drama "MRAK"

DRAMA IN GLASBA

K VPRIZORITVI DRAME "MRAK" V CHICAGU

Strahotne posledice zadnje svetovne vojne...

Možje so bili prisiljeni zapustiti domove, svoje žene in otroke...

Nekeje v stari domovini je živila takorekoč idilično življenje...

V nedeljo 27. oktobra popoldne bo v dvorani ČSPS vprizorili dramo, odsek kluba št. 1 Branislav...

domu razpada. Dobi pismo od sina, toda pisava ni njegova...

Končno se sin vrne. Prijelje ga vojak. V vojni je izgubil mladi mož vid...

Rad bi užil le še kosček sreče, po kateri je tako dolgo hrepenel...

Vstopnina pri nas bo nizka, ker se zavedamo slabih delavskih razmer...

Program koncerta je sledeči: I. del. 1. Banovec: Kje je moj mili dom.

2. Adamič: Nočaj je lep večer. 3. Pavčič: En starček je živel. 4. Dr. Kozina: Metuljček.

5. Puccini: Arija iz opere Tosca. 6. Verdi: Arija iz opere Rigoletto. Odmor.

Slov. narodne pesmi v narodni noši. 7. Banovec: Je prav lušno po let. 8. Kuba: Nožek bom vzal.

Vatopnina je samo 75c, ali toliko, kolikor plačate za navadno plesno veseloje.

Banovec v Girardu. Poročali smo že, da priredi v Girardu, O. v Slovenskem domu koncert slovenski operni pevci...

IVAN CANKAR V ITALIJANŠČINI. Česar niso bili deležni naši starejši pisatelji...

Pravkar so dobili Italijani prevod Cankarjeve drame "Kralj na Betajnovi".

Prevajalec, ki sam pravi, da je prevajalec dramo v celoti, je dodal knjigi kritičen uvod, obsegajoč 47 strani.

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V NEDELJO 27. OKTOBRA POJE BANOVEC V COLLINWOODU. Slovenski Cleveland bo v nedeljo 27. oktobra popoldne pihljal v Slovenski delavski dom v Collinwoodu...

Lične tiskovine, hitro in po zmernih cenah, vam izdela TISKARNA "SPRAVEDLNOSTI". Last Češke federacije S. P.

Joško Owen: Za Solncem

(Nadaljevanje.) Stal sem blizu tega kipa in gledal vernike, ki so se vrstili v dolgi procesiji...

Vatikan se je razdeljen v klasične predete, v knjižnico in stanovanjske papežev, ki po svojih okraških tvori poseben oddelek muzeja.

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Zraven cerkve je še krstnica ter palača, kjer so bivali papeži do odhoda v Avignon l. 1307. Sedaj se nahaja tam zelo bogat muzej.

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Borgije, ki je bil oče famozne Lukrecije in Cezarja Borgije. Ni ga bilo zločina, da ga ne bi izvršil - in njegovo stanovanje izraža še danes duh tega človeka.

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VELIKO ŠTEVILO POTNIKOV ki so letos potovali v Evropo in kupili vožnje listke pri nas je priča o naši točni postrežbi. DENAR POŠILJAMO RAZEN V VAŠO DOMOVINO TUDI V VSE OSTALE DELE SVETA...

WM. B. PUTZ Cicero's LEADING LARGEST OLDEST Florist Cvetlice in venci za vse slučaje Pravi Roller kanalčki napredaj 5134 W. 25th St., Cicero, Ill. Tel.: Cicero 69. Na domu Cicero 2143

Empty Titles

Now that we are talking of disarmament, wouldn't it be well to disarm and demobilize the brigade of men whom a flunkey press insists upon referring to as generals or colonels or majors in consequence of some military connection during the World war, or since?

The only persons who should be known by military titles are active or retired officers of the regular army — professional soldiers.

At a convention soon after the World war the American legion wisely voted to abandon the use of the military titles that its members had borne temporarily during the conflict, but unfortunately the resolution has not been lived up to, for which the newspapers are doubtless chiefly responsible.

To attach military titles to the names of men who were officers for a few months a decade ago is bad peace psychology and poor democracy.

And it is still worse to extend the custom to young men who have more recently become members of the officers' reserve.

We are moved to write on the subject because of the silly way in which the press recently referred to the marriage of "Major" John Coolidge. Major John Fiddlesticks!

It is a bore to read of our ambassador to London as "General" Dawes and it is tiresome to hear the son of ex-President Roosevelt referred to in the newspapers as "Colonel". But "Major" John Coolidge is incredible.—The Nation.

Call Halt On Private Toll Bridges

A corporation, the Federal Bridge Co., has been formed in New York to acquire and manage toll bridges. The president of this concern points out in an interview with the Wall Street Journal that most of these projects have been "extremely successful", because:

"The maintenance and depreciation on a well constructed bridge is very small. . . . The sale and use of automobiles will continue to increase, and the use of bridges will increase proportionally."

Two pretty good reasons why not another toll bridge franchise should be granted to private "enterprise". The American people, through federal, state and local governments, build the roads without which the bridges would be useless. They can build the required bridges in the same way.—Labor.

Growing Leisure

Secretary of Labor Davis was mistaken when he told the American Federation of Labor convention that "no one knows what remedy we can apply" to the unemployment problem "except by giving help to those temporarily relieved." He can speak for himself, but some of us know the remedy. It was stated many times in this column and will be stated again from time to time.

Mr. Davis, however, makes a good point when he suggests that, in view of shortening hours, the schools should have classes to teach the best use of leisure. The adult education movement is one of the finest results of the shortening of hours. The people need more play, more wholesome recreation than they have had in the past, and it is well that part of newly acquired leisure should be spent in that way; but another large part of it ought to be spent in mental self-development. Those who are taking advantage of the opportunities for adult education are doing just that.

Lasting Footprints

Recently at the dedication of the Edison memorial building, Henry Ford had Mr. Edison walk across a huge corner stone with soft cement on top. Future generations can see the actual footprints of the wizard. Now the ideal held up to the young folk might read:

Lives of great men remind us
How through this great world they went,
And departing left behind them,
Footprints in the soft cement.
—The Pathfinder.

PRIMITIVE

The politician who talks about "American individualism" while mass production makes the individual a cog in a machine has a mind that belongs to the lower silurian period of geologic time.—The New Leader.

HIGHER KIND

There is one kind of patriot who waves the flag, but a far higher kind is the man who blazes every time he sees a neglected child.—Dr Garnet Baker.

SEARCHLIGHT

By Donald J. Lotrich

To the average person a state prison is just another of the many things they don't care to know about. Another of those many things that doesn't interest them. All they care to know is that it is a place where criminals are kept. Outside of that they are not interested. And you really can't blame them. A lot of them go by the high walls that guard the prison premises casting humorous remarks about the place but few actually know anything about it. One must go in and see the place to appreciate it.

Last Thursday the writer had his first opportunity to visit the old Joliet prison. Like many others I had a small conception of the prison itself. However one can speak highly of the effective systems after witnessing the interior of just such an institution. For it is all of that. No doubt there are many behind these walls unjustly accused and convicted but as you go from shop to shop you can readily depict the desperate criminals. You will find gentle humans in prison too. Even the rough and noisy type quickly fall in line with the daily routine. Workshop upon workshop, and the men producing articles of value. About 25 convicts are kept in each room of the workshops. But there is no noise; no one is allowed to speak or even whisper. Then they have their lunch room. Neat in every respect especially the officials room. Waiters as neatly dressed as any up to date lunch room in Chicago. Polite, neat appearing convicts to serve you. One must admire the institution even if you don't want to.

Fifty years ago Thomas A. Edison invented the first incandescent light, the type now used throughout the world. He was 32 years old then. For fifty years Mr. Edison has given the world in terms of electricity the spirit that life is worth while for the sake of society. Not so much for his personal gain, but for the gain of human beings. Mr. Edison could have quit right after his light began to function, but he didn't. From the light he made new ones, better than before, and with each improvement the world received the advantages of his wisdom. His inventions have been capitalized, nevertheless they could not be depressed. Someday when the world will be a real Commonwealth and electricity will be controlled by the people the true value of Mr. Edison's inventions will be audible. And all this while the electric lights are living monuments of Mr. Edison's genius.

It has been said that the last convention of the American Federation of Labor has ended in a more progressive spirit than any of its previous sessions. They enumerate discussions of old age pensions as one reason to believe that this federation will become more forward looking. Organized labor in the U. S. has always backed the policies of the independent leaders who split the federation republican and democratic. If they had a labor party united with the forward element and the Socialists in this country it wouldn't take long to realize a labor party of the type England is so proud. But the leaders fear it. They will not give an opportunity to the rank and file to think in the terms of the worker for the worker but the worker for the capitalist.

Cook County Ypsils are out for one hundred new members and an organization fund of \$1,000. On Friday evening November 1st a Campaign Banquet is being sponsored. Clarence Senior, the new National Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party will speak. Reservations are \$1, thru the Y P S L, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago. Our Comrades are urged to participate.

Let this be a last reminder for you to attend "Mrak" this Sunday afternoon at C. S. P. S. Hall, 1146 W. 18th St. Zvonimirs' Orchestra will entertain. Dancing begins immediately after the play. It's been told to you before that "Mrak" should prove to your liking, for it is a tragedy following the war. Capable people will personify the various characters.

The American Family Almanac for 1930 published by the Yugoslav Workmens Publishing Co. is being prepared now and should be ready for distribution the early part of December. This, the 16th volume, will be well representative of our progressive movement. Some of the best known writers have contributed. Each year our almanac

receives the approval of our readers and this year will make no exception. As before, it will be well illustrated. If anyone is interested in the results of this book write to us for terms.

Socialist Club No. 1, J. S. F., meets Friday October 25th at the usual place. Mr. H. Gregory Prushek, our well known artist, who had spent the summer in Europe will lecture on "Artists and Art in Slovenia". Mr. Prushek has been acclaimed as a man of fine art ability and has a splendid reputation outside the Slovenes. His most recent exhibition was at Madison, Wisconsin.

Practically every week Jos. Snoy's name appears under the caption of Result of Workers. Mr. Snoy has visited most of the towns in Eastern Ohio and met with good results. Being a worker for a paper like ours is no easy task. It takes men with the fervent beliefs that it can be done. The average man can't do it. Joe therefore can be classed better than the average. Many a dull time and place Joe went into. Folks told him it wouldn't pay. Joe said "It won't hurt to try". And try he did. Because of this determination he succeeds. If we would possess about 50 Snoy's, we could build the circulation of our paper to what it should be.

Club Slovenia Inc. of San Francisco, California, celebrated its Seventh Anniversary with an elaborate and expanded program. We are informed that the spacious Eagle Hall was taxed to capacity on that date. Among the program were a play "The Sidewalks of New York" with various musical and vocal selections. It takes a good organization to attract a big audience and our boys in San Francisco did that on October 13th.

Swedish Co-Operatives Gain

In 1913, according to Commerce Reports, members of the Swedish Co-operative Union totaled about 100,000. In 1925 the number has risen to 315,000, while at present it is over 366,000. This figure must be understood against the fact that one member often represents a family, and that Sweden's population is not much in excess of 6,000,000.

THE PROFESSOR GOES TO A BASEBALL GAME

My listener broke in abruptly. "I say, can you take me to one of these 'fracasess' I sincerely desire to learn something of the baseball language." "Most assuredly," I replied, "I always enjoy a good ball game." At the ball park my friend wanted to know the salaries of the umpires, why they used three instead of one, why there were four men in the infield to cover only three bases, and various other features which are commonly misinterpreted by those unacquainted with the fine technique of the game. But the flood of diamond epithets and the constant chatter of the players and spectators alike appeared to interest my companion most.

"Why do they keep constantly talking and yelling", he asked. "Is this racket essential to the playing of the game?" "Encouragement," I said. "It is a part of the game. It wouldn't be baseball unless there was a continual babble of tongues. Here you see the people who read and talk the language of baseball. If you listen you will hear some of the words commonly associated with the game and with none other."

He heard plenty of them in the ninth inning, which was really exciting. Cries of Attaboy! Slide! Keep it going! Make it good! filled the air. Even my friend was caught by the tenaciousness of it all. With three men on, none out and the home team ahead by one run, the local team was returned victor when one player was caught at the home plate, another hit a high fly to shortstop and the last man struck out. A mighty cheer rent the air as the game ended.

"I think I am actually gaining an insight of this baseball business", my friend said when we were outside, but I wisely refrained from answering.

The next morning while I was at breakfast he came rushing into the house from his early morning walk with a newspaper clutched in his hand. There was a flush in his face and I knew something was amiss.

"Did we go to the ball game yesterday, or didn't we?" he asked breathlessly.

"We certainly did," I replied, "but what's up?"

"Listen to this!" He held up the paper and read: "The spasm opened with a safe single by Hughie. Two others secured free tickets and the sacks were loaded. Hughie was caught standing up at the platter, a clean-up man hoisted a skyrocket to shortstop and the crowd rushed for the supper plates when a hot third count got by the last batter as he stood at shoulder arms". Is that

something I saw yesterday?" "That is what happened in the last inning."

"Ah! And I thought I was beginning to understand baseball," my friend sighed. "I shall return to my Greek with fresh courage!"—W. C. W., in Christian Science Monitor.

Grapes

Grapes have quite a high food value—higher even than potatoes. A pound of grapes contains 437 calories while a pound of potatoes contains only 378 calories.

The superior nutrient quality of grapes is due to their sugars, mineral salt and fruit acids. In fact, they are among nature's most highly endowed fruits for the upbuilding of health and the prolonging of life. Through their liberal use the kidneys, liver, all the organs of the body, are cleansed and strengthened by the alkaline elements they contain. They actually do the work that the old-fashioned patent medicines were supposed to do for respiratory ailments, chronic diseases, chills and fever; for soothing the nerves, cleansing the blood; for purifying and toning up the spleen and for causing the fading away for skin affections.

Physicians sometimes recommend the "grape-cure" for people who are ailing. In parts of Europe they travel for miles right into the heart of the grape districts where they can eat freely of this life-giving fruit of the vine.

The grape is so well suited to the needs of the body that the juice requires virtually no digestion but passes almost at once into the circulation. Its sugar is more easily assimilated than cane sugar and is readily used as a producer of energy; it is therefore adapted to active people, as children, hikers and laborers.—Good Health.

Welcome

Pat took his wife to the theater for the first time. They arrived rather early, and she was very interested in everything about them.

Nudging Pat, she whispered: "What does that word 'asbestos' mean across the curtain?"

"Be quite", say Pat, "and don't show your ignorance. That's Latin for 'Welcome'."

Now Be Good

He—Woman, she's only a rag, a bone and a hank of hair.
She—And man, he's only a jag, a drone and a tank of air.

RUM SLAVES AND MOLASSES

By James Oneal

That a case can be made out in favor of the view that the American republic had its origin and was baptized in rum is evident from a book bearing the title of Rum, Romance and Rebellion, by Charles William Tassig. Rum and molasses, of which rum was made, and the slave trade were linked together in a most profitable commerce which the British government taxed. If the reader is somewhat dubious about our baptism in rum he should remember that John Adams, who was present at the birth of the republic and was second president of the United States, supports the view of Tassig. Adams wrote:

"Wits may laugh at our fondness for molasses, and we ought all to join in the laugh with as much good humor as General Lincoln did. General Washington, however, always asserted and proved that Virginians loved molasses as well as New Englanders did. I know not why we should blush to confess that molasses was an essential ingredient in American independence. Many great events have proceeded from much smaller causes."

Of course, the humor fades into tragedy when we understand the character of the three-fold commerce in rum, molasses and slaves. The main supply of molasses came from the West India Islands. New England merchants and shipowners were engaged in the commerce. The molasses was brought from the West Indies to New England and distilled into rum. Much of the rum was taken to Africa and traded for slaves. The slaves were taken to the West Indies and traded for molasses, and so it was a continuous round of molasses, rum and slaves.

When the British parliament proceeded to rigidly enforce a Molasses act in 1763 which taxed this trade the profits were so great that smuggling was resorted to. The rum contributed to the demoralization of native Africans who accepted it in exchange for slaves. Slave ships sailed into African harbors, and after weeks or months of bargaining were packed with Negroes bound for the West Indies and the southern colonies. Practically all the Christian powers protected and encouraged the traffic, as the profits were enormous.

The horrors of the passage from Africa to the new world cannot be described. The packing of the unfortunates into special compartments, the filth, disease, mutinies and deaths would require a book to describe. Frequently hundreds died on the passage and yet the profits obtained from the sale of the survivors were sufficiently large to warrant continuance of the commerce. Some of the biggest New England fortunes of the Colonial period were acquired from this commerce in rum, molasses and Negroes.

The British parliament taxed the trade and turned the traders against the king and parliament. This was one source of the Colonial cry of "no taxation without representation". It is not so romantic or inspiring as the schoolbook texts but it has the advantage of being the truth. As the author says in the concluding chapter of his book:

"For some reason, we have begun to suspect the correctness of certain of our flappedoodle and Yankee doodle traditions. The late war may have had something to do with this, for then the discerning were permitted to see history in the making and watch it pass through the slogan and propaganda mills, and emerge in the form of holy scrolls tied up with red, white and blue ribbons, bearing the seal of the censor."

To paraphrase another writer, the flappedoodlers have put the hiss into history.

So Here it Is

You read about the excoavators digging up the 1,500 bodies buried in the old potter's field in Wauwatosa in order to build a nurses' home. A reader tells us that this is a good argument in favor of cremation and asks that we pass the idea along. So here it is.

There would have been a commotion about those bodies if they had not been the bones of friendless derelicts. Try to move enough bodies in an ordinary cemetery, from one place to another, in order to put a street through, and there is immediate objection.

There is no satisfactory way to dispose of the remains of the dead. The only satisfactory thing, to those who loved the deceased, would be to have them keep on living. But since that cannot be, and some disposition has to be made of bodies, cremation, as our friend says, seems to be the most sanitary way; also the way that makes the least trouble in future years when changed conditions make it desirable to use the land for the purposes of the living.—Milwaukee Leader.

Human Rights Should Come First

Along comes a newspaper which says editorially that Chief Justice Taft only gets \$15,000 a year, but then "he loves mankind, cares little for wealth, and takes life as it comes."

The Carnegie pension is not mentioned; not the decisions in which, as a rule, only Justices Holmes and Brandeis show any love for mankind. Sometimes one or two of the other justices side with them in their minority opinions, but generally the majority is against them. Love for mankind has a rather chilly time when it comes before these gentlemen of the majority, but property is protected with care.

One of the great problems of the immediate future is to obtain the appointment or election of judges, in federal and state courts, who will place human rights above property rights.

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"Brother Jones," said the deacon, "can't you all donate some small contribution to de fund for fencing in the cemetery?"

"I dunno as I can," replied Brother Jones. "I don't see no use in a fence around a cemetery. You see, dem what's in there can't get out, and dem what's out sho' don't wanta get in."

